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attention that the city where Lot lived was going to be destroyed. So Abraham didn't want to see that happen so he said--and remember, I'm paraphrasing--if there are 100 righteous people, will you spare the city? Now God knows everything, so he says, sure, Abraham. So Abraham said, well, if there are 90 righteous people, would you destroy the city for the lack of five? God, knowing the answer in advance, said, no, that's reasonable if there are 90. Abraham swallowed a real hard gulp and said, now that I have been bold enough to take it upon myself to talk to you about this, I want to pursue it a bit further, and got the number all the way down to ten. Poor Abraham that sure that in a city the size of this one there have to be at least ten righteous people. But God, being omniscient, knowing everything, knew when he struck the deal that ten people were not there, so he says, Abraham, you got a deal. Well, to make a long story short, there were not ten people; the city was destroyed. I don't know if Senator Baker was listening, but, Senator Baker, you have shown yourself to be a man of reason. Now that we have reached a point where we struck an accord, I would like to strike a deal with you that touches one of these fees, as far as I'm concerned, to a greater extent, in my mind, than the one we just changed. Now I do have substantive questions about the bill, but if, in exchange for me not discussing the bill at this stage any further or resisting its movement at this time, but I would still want to look at it, would we go back to this request fee on the titles and bring that back down from \$3 to \$1, where it is now? Can you see your way clear to do that?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Chambers, you're too predictable. We'd already talked about that. We knew that was coming.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what was your decision?

SENATOR BAKER: I'll think about it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much time do you need to think about it?

SENATOR BAKER: Not too much.