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you were not privy to any of the developmental discussion that led to selecting 15 rather than 30? That was not a compromise with you, was it? That was more or less a "take this or nothing," right?

SENATOR BURLING: I compromised with the committee to agree to what they wanted to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, no, you...

SENATOR BURLING: I said, I'll ...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... you capitulated when you accepted what they gave you. You didn't compromise.

SENATOR BURLING: Well, I said, I'll give up my push for 30 and go with the committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that was a capitulation, wasn't it?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, whatever you want to call it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I want to call it what it is. You would not accept 49, I presume?

SENATOR BURLING: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you, Senator Burling. Members of the Legislature, this is one of those bills which probably was dead aborning. There are other people whose names appear on this bill, but none of them has said anything today in defense of the bill. I believe they're aware that it really is indefensible. It creates a needless commission. It assigns it duties, some of which are incomprehensible to me. And the effort may spend \$100,000 without any quality assurance involved in the project. I'd like to ask Senator Burling a question. Senator Burling, when it comes to this report, if the committee members would say that they had discussed it, they'd looked at what the bill said they should look at, and they could not come up with any changes that ought to be made, and therefore their report would say, we have no recommendations, that would be