

Senator Beutler, do you have anything to say before I make a ruling?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would only point out to the body that my request to divide the question really only has to do with making the process orderly. Senator Schmit has indicated and Senator Kremer has indicated that they are very willing to take the amendments one by one on their merit and really that is what is happening. Whether we divide the question or not they will be taken one by one on their merit but by dividing the question we can go section by section in an orderly manner so that the body I think can better understand how the bill actually functions and how the amendment fits into the overall picture because on this particular bill at least, following the bill section by section beginning with the front sections gives you a good idea of exactly what kind of new water management device you're putting into place and I think it behooves us all to understand that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: I have reviewed rule 7, section 3 which sets up the request and listened to your arguments and I guess I am going a lot on past experience that I have had with this kind of a bill when I was Speaker and in the Legislature it is my opinion that I would have to concur with Senator Beutler that in order to make the process an orderly one and particularly in order to understand the amendments which I understand are on the desk and which I have asked to see, the only orderly way in which we can take up the amendments it seems to me will be to take this up section by section which is by the way the way bills always used to be taken up in this body and I don't think it will slow us up any. I think actually it might move us along more rapidly because if you get amendments later on that cut across many sections and you have already talked about section one and then you're in section nineteen then you come back to section twelve, it is going to be very confusing to you. So even though I know it's probably not a popular decision I'm going to rule that the amendment, the Kremer-Schmit amendment shall be divided in the eighteen parts because most of them are substantive as I understand it. By looking at it it looks like most of them are substantive until we get down to the end of the bill. So that will be my ruling, that we will divide and we will take it up section by section and the amendments will then be presented section by section and then when you're through you're through and you won't have to redo the whole thing. Okay, Mr. Clerk, I guess we will proceed with section one.