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SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, in order to expedite the process, I would agree that we will bring it back if we want to. Once we get it back to Select File we will take the amendments one at a time and keep moving it back and forth until we get them adopted. That is fine with me.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to be sure that I was clear on your ruling. You are saying that even after we bring...according to our procedure even after we bring it back and we are deciding on the question to adopt, then there is no opportunity to divide the question?

PRESIDENT: No, he is going to have to bring it back each time...he is going to have to decide what the issue is that he is bringing it back for, and that is the only issue you can vote on each time you bring it back. That is my ruling. So that is up to Senator Koch how he wants to bring this back. Right now there is a motion with a specific amendment. That is the only thing you can vote on. If Senator Koch wants to bring another motion with only part of that amendment and then with the other part, he will have to do it in two motions. Yes, that is the only way it can be done. So I don't...maybe, Senator Koch, maybe I didn't make myself clear to you on that. In other words, if you were to proceed with the motion you have made now, we will vote on that without any division, but you could come back with some other motions to return and divide that question itself.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, first of all, for...it may surprise you but I do agree with your ruling.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We are limited, because if you would allow division of the question after it came back, that would be amending that specific amendment which is not allowed.

PRESIDENT: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is what I wanted to ask. Can a motion that is offered in this fashion be amended? Or must it be taken exactly as it is offered by the mover?