

warranted here. I'm merely exercising the prerogative a member has in the rules to ask that a question be divided. I would suggest that we divide the Warner amendment to consider first the provision dealing with the effective date which does not seem to be terribly controversial and then deal separately with the other portion of it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is of the opinion, Senator Withem, that the amendment is divisible. You are suggesting that we take...that we divide between questions, or points one and two. Is that correct?

SENATOR WITHEM: Correct.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is it also your position that we consider point two first, that is the matter of the operative date, or does it make any difference?

SENATOR WITHEM: It...that is my suggestion because that appears to be the less controversial. I guess that is the prerogative of the Chair, the order in which you would bring those up.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair feels that there is no problem in considering the second point first and that is the matter of Section 3 referring to the bill becoming operative on January 1, 1991. Would you care to make a statement then, Senator Withem, on...?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I just am supportive of this. I don't...not speaking for Senator Lynch, but as a member of the Rules Committee it was not my intent at this time to deny any properly elected chairman of a committee or member of a committee their rights and privilege to complete their tour of duty; making this effective in 1991 may not be such a good idea after all. I just got to thinking of it, maybe I have a question for Senator Warner here. If it is effective in 1991, then in December of 1990 would the Executive Board elect a chairman and a new Retirement Committee to serve for a period of one month and then the new...the body would make that one or should the effective date maybe be something like November of 1990 or something along that line? Will we run into any problems? And that is just a mechanical question. I think your overall suggestion is a good one and I'm not...it just hit me, I'm not sure when the best effective date would be.