

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Would anyone else care to speak to the matter of overruling the Chair? May I see your hand. Senator Chambers, that is the only hand I see, proceed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, so that I can be clear on where we are because some of the discussion occurred while I was in my office trying to pick it up. An attempt had been made earlier to amend Senator Withem's motion and that motion was ruled out of order, is that correct?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that put before the body the multipart motion as far as suspending the rules that Senator Withem originally had proposed?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Senator Moore now is offering a motion to suspend specific rules or all of the rules? Could Senator Moore answer that, then?

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is a specific rule, Rule 2, Section 2, allowing for a specific amendment; a rule which says that a motion is not to be amendable.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but the only motion where there is not allowed a division of the question is when specific...when a bill is being returned to Select File for a specific amendment, so I don't think a division of the question could be considered an amendment. So, if a person has a multiple part motion, then maybe the appropriate thing is simply to ask for a division of the question, and then each part has to be voted on. And unless I can be shown a rule that would prohibit a division of the question, then I, after Senator Moore does what he is doing, would ask for a division of the question as far as Senator Withem's motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Withem, would you care to make a closing statement on your challenge?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I would. Every time we get in these rules discussions, I attempt, at least, to remove myself from the item being discussed to consider it as a point of procedure