

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, then what Senator Haberman did was offered an amendment to strike some of that language, and you have ruled that the effect of that would be to eliminate part of that amendment which would result in a proposition that was like one that had been defeated already. If you allow a division of the question, and we voted on whether or not to keep that sales tax, and it was voted down, then what remains would be the reconsideration, and you would have to rule that since you voted this provision, about the sales tax down, you cannot consider the rest of it, because that would be a reconsideration. That's where we are at this point, and probably nobody cares but me. And it's not going to hurt me because I'd find a way to get before the body what I'd want before it. But you all are going to let them chip away at what you're able to do, and you're going to have to resort to stratagem instead of using the rules as they are clearly written in our book. But, if that's your pleasure, so be it. But I'm moving that the Chair be overruled. And, Mr. Chairman, nothing personal.

PRESIDENT: Oh, I understand that. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you wish to discuss this?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I...hopefully, I have a way that we can get out of this parliamentary mess that we're in at this particular point. Senator Chambers raises, in my opinion, a very valid question. What I would like, hopefully, the body would see fit to do is to not debate Senator Chambers' motion to overrule the Chair and simply agree to do that and override the Chair, because I think it's very important that we set a precedent here that any amendment to an amendment is a reasonable interpretation of the rule that you cannot stop an amendment to the amendment. So, we can overrule the Chair. I feel, and I think I'm speaking for Senator Haberman, and certainly he can correct me if I'm wrong, I think Senator Haberman, if the Chair is overruled, which still keeps the Haberman amendment to my amendment there, that Senator Haberman would be willing to withdraw his amendment to the amendment, I would be willing, with a brief statement, to withdraw my amendment and then we would get to a reconsideration motion that would be filed by Senator Haberman, which would put us to where we are now, but also move us forward so we can get to a vote on this bill and advance it. So I would hope maybe the discussion could...I'm not trying to cease debate, certainly it's a deliberative body, but we make a vote on Senator