

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the question were divided, we would vote on whether or not there was to be a sales tax by itself.

SENATOR WITHEM: Agreed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if that motion were voted up and the sales tax were stricken from the original Bernard-Stevens motion, what would be left?

SENATOR WITHEM: What would be left would be the one-year sunset, or the two-year sunset, whichever the case may be, I forget which it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would that be, in effect, a reconsideration of what had been done earlier, that proposition?

SENATOR WITHEM: I have been here when the Chair has ruled such that when a question is divided...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, that's not what I'm asking you, because my time will run out. Would what is left be the same reconsideration that you said would be left if that material had been stricken as a result of accepting an amendment?

SENATOR WITHEM: Probably not because the original question, to which its being amended, would have changed because of the adoption of the first part of the amendment, which you've mentioned.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, you'd vote on the sales tax first, you would strike the sales tax portion, just like Senator...

SENATOR WITHEM: And you'd vote the sales tax up or down.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, you vote it out.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you have the same thing left...

SENATOR WITHEM: Then it would be a reconsideration. Yes, I think it would be a reconsideration. And the Chair has ruled that way in the past on occasions when I've been here.