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PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, and the call is raised.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'm not sure you can withdraw a second part of an amendment after the first part has already been amended on a divided question.

PRESIDENT: We have two separate and distinct issues, and this one has not been amended and the proposer may withdraw it if he so chooses.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'll have to challenge the Chair on that.

PRESIDENT: Okay, fine. Would you like to speak about it?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: A couple comments, and I wish I was as up...as experienced on the rules as Senator Chambers and I suspect the Senator may want to get involved on this one. But it seems to me very clearly that if you have an amendment and you divide that question that we are talking about an entire amendment. And to withdraw an amendment, to me, would be the same thing as agreeing to or not agreeing to a particular part of that amendment which would be to my understanding, we would be passing simply part of an amendment that has already been amended. When you divide a question, for the most part, you have the entire question that must be discussed at that particular point. We have not made two separate amendments, we have simply made it two subcategories of one amendment. Again, we have not made two separate amendments, we have made two subcategories of one amendment of which I would find very difficult to believe that we could go with one without discussion of the other. I think that would set a dangerous precedent that I know certainly I could use to an advantage later on at some other time.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak about that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature,