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I've known this has been done before. The purpose of dividing a question, as far as I am concerned, is then you become two separate amendments. We have already taken care of the first part of the amendment and the second part of the amendment becomes a separate amendment. You are given the ten-minute opening and you are given the five minutes and the five minutes and then the closing so, therefore, you definitely are working on two amendments. We've done it many, many times before, Senator Withem, and I can't recall when you were not allowed to do that, but I've been here long enough to know that it has been done before and so I oppose the challenge of the Chair. In fact, I would like a few more minutes. On the amendments that we have been discussing for so long, many of you know that not even the subject of the amendment was, as Senator Lindsay said, discussed. This is just a way of filibustering a bill. We've been on it at least seven or possibly eight days. The bill itself will probably never move off of Select File but in order, in order to be able to get to some of the Speaker's bills and some of the committees' bills, I think we should move LB 769 to Select File and there is no possible chance that it will probably move off of Select File. So I urge you to sustain the Chair and let's move LB 769 and get on with the other priority bills and the bills that are on Select File and especially LB 813 which is a very, very important bill and it is the capital construction bill and many of you have got some interest in the bills that are committee priorities and also the Speaker's priorities. So I urge you to sustain the Chair and let's get on with LB 769.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this? There are other lights on, but they were on prior to this. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, this is not to argue, this is on a point of order.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I had offered an amendment to this amendment that had been voted down. There was a vote by the body and the rule says if the body takes action or whatever the terminology is. The Clerk's interpretation is that the body must vote favorably for the action that is offered, but I think Senator Lindsay remembers that my amendment would have said that in case the health of the woman is jeopardized, then there could be the