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question. They, I think, would like the right to pick and choose. They explained that very clearly, to begin with, but after...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Then...

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, you asked me, I have got to tell you, after...after they offered their amendment, Senator Hall said he wanted to divide the question, so we are simply talking right now in terms of dividing the question and as it particularly relates to the first amendment, to the first provision in their amendment, and that is it. Now so to answer your question as to the reason they are not, they can still have the right to pick and choose, and they only asked for that right. They didn't promise that they would support any of it or none of it. They just want the right to talk about it and that is what we are doing now. So, simply put, they are not doing anything wrong and they are certainly not doing anything inconsistent. If they had the chance to adopt their original amendment striking everything and going back, I guess that is what we are doing right now anyhow, so there is no real problem here that I can see.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: And I am not criticizing them at all. I would like to continue that question to you, then, Senator Lynch, what was the answer, and I apologize, I didn't hear the answer, why did we stop with the committee, differences between the committee and the Governor? Why did we not just take the bill back to zero and build everything, item by item?

SENATOR LYNCH: I wasn't involved in that part of the debate, but if you would like to offer the amendment, I will support it.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: But you don't know why it was done that way?

SENATOR LYNCH: No, I wasn't...we never addressed it. It was discussed and the amendment wasn't offered in that regard so it was never acted upon.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Okay, thank you. I don't criticize Senator Hartnett and Senator Korshoj or Senator Lynch and anyone of you for asking questions. I do have a little problem, it is very frustrating for all us on the floor, but I do have a little problem with the methodology of how we arrived at this number because we could have very easily talked on every specific issue