

is...to kind of rereind people of the floor procedure. If we vote...give 25 votes to say we're going to reconsider, there is a bracket motion. The bracket motion would come up before the motion...the vote to reconsider, or, excuse me, the vote to suspend the rules. The body would have to vote on the bracket motion again before we vote to suspend the rules or not. That is where we were going to be. If we get to the suspension of the rules, ladies and gentlemen of the body, we already have an indication from Senator Chambers that he will ask that the question be divided. That is going to bring us to a large debate on a couple of issues, number one, can it be divisible? And the answer, I believe, is yes, it can. Number two, can it be divided the way Senator Chambers wishes it to be divided? And there will be many overrulings by the Chair, motions to overrule the Chair, roll call votes. The body only has about an hour and twenty some minutes left before the noon hour. I would put to the body that procedurally alone we will not get to vote on this bill on General File. Pure and simple. Whether you're for the bill or against the bill, or in between the bill, or don't care about the bill, the body cannot get to a vote on it, in my guesstimation, procedurally this time. Plain and simple. What the body can do, pro or con the bill, is to not give 25 votes for the reconsideration. And, again, I ask those that are totally supportive of 769 without any amendments to really think about what I'm going to say, not give 25 votes to reconsider. The bracket motion then comes up.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Bracket the bill until next session, to wit, there already has been filed by Senator Labedz, I believe, a motion to suspend the rules. There are two amendments above that. That's where we would pick up next year. So the body really has a choice. Where do you want to pick up the bill next year? Do we want to pick up the bill with a divided question that could take at least 15 hours by itself on whether or not we can divide it in the way it's going to be and then we get into an argument of whether this is, in fact, deals with cloture, does it eliminate cloture? Are we going to open that bag of worms and the body knows what happens when we get to the cloture debates. Do we want to open the session next time on 769 on that arena? Or do you want to open the session next time on 769 with two Chambers' amendment above a motion to suspend the rules?