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item that had been divided. So what I again am proposing to the body is that you decide one way or another to help the Chair, who seems to get a little...during the session we may have differences of interpretation with different Chairs that we may have up there and give clear guidance on which way to go. What I am proposing with this amendment, to give you a choice, is simply to say once an amendment or once something is before the body that has been divided, the question has been divided, the introducer may withdraw that divisional...that amendment only if a vote has not been taken on a portion of that or a change has not been made on a portion of that amendment that has been divided. To go the other way then, if the amendment is defeated, then you go to what the Rules Committee is suggesting and that is once an amendment has been divided or a bill has been divided and you make a change or vote on a portion of that, that you then may be able to withdraw all of the rest of it, regardless of what is going on at the time. That is, in fact, I think the choice that the Legislature can have and should have. Again, if we didn't offer this amendment, all you would have is a choice of doing it the way the Rules Committee wanted to do and/or nothing at all, and I think we need to have one way or the other. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I rise actually to oppose Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment but thank him for bringing it to us. This paints a picture clearly on what it is, you have the option of what it is the body wants. Now this amendment, if you would adopt this, it would put in the rules very clearly what last year on Senator Withem's amendment, thanks to the urging of Senator Chambers, where the introducer cannot withdraw the amendment. That's what it says...that's what Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to the rule says. I, myself, do not think that's the right way to go. I urge the body to defeat Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment and in the end adopt the Rules Committee proposal, because then you really allow the introducer of an amendment the flexibility and the control over that amendment. And if they lose the first portion...the first portion of the amendment and really there is nothing left there that they want to have voted on, they can withdraw it. Now if there is, for whatever reason, there is someone else in the body that wanted to get to number two or number three, the thing withdrawn, nothing prohibits them from going up to the Clerk's office, filing an amendment and voting