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that's what I will be addressing?

PRESIDENT: Yes. Senator Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, I think, hit on a valid question as far as I'm concerned to make it an even better, at least, choice for the Legislature and that is a very valid question, I think, was raised in Senator Withem's case last session. And that is, what if the major section, the operative clause, for example, has been defeated, why should the body waste time and go all the way through the rest of the divided question when we know that we're going to defeat all of those. And so I think what Senator Chambers' proposal...what I would like to add...to modify my amendment to be, Mr. President, if there is no objection, and that would be that a senator would be able to withdraw those but it would have to be by consent and how it would be worded was without...once a vote change has occurred on any of the divisible questions, the remaining divided sections may not be withdrawn without a majority of those voting.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, are you withdrawing your amendment that you had or are you wishing to change it?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'm wishing to change that if there be no objections.

PRESIDENT: Would you bring it up? Have you written it out?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: He has a copy at the desk.

PRESIDENT: Oh, okay, we have it. Okay.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And that would serve two purposes, members of the body, that is if the body really did say this is a waste of time, there are too many sections, we have made up our mind, we can, by a very quick majority vote of those voting, we can say, yes, we'll allow them to withdraw that. Other than that, we would have to then go through that. And I would like to respond very quickly, since I do have a minute. Senator Chambers, if you don't mind, I will punch my light and either speak on my own time or take a minute now and give you some of mine, which I will take a minute now. Senator Moore brought up a very valid point, said unless we were talking about a rule suspension, that's exactly what happened last session. We had a