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number of the divided portions have been voted on by the Legislature, that proposition has now, in my mind, become the property of the Legislature. It has molded it and begun to craft it into a form that it wants this motion to be in. It no longer is the prerogative of the member to simply withdraw it. Just as if I introduce a bill and it gets out here on General File, I decide I want to withdraw it, I can't withdraw a bill after I have introduced it unless there is a vote by the body. Even if it's in committee and the committee has not acted on it, even if the committee has not set a hearing date, I have to get a vote to withdraw the bill because once put in, it's not mine. There is more leeway with an amendment. There is no printing expense like a bill. There doesn't have to be a hearing on every amendment so it's in a different category. But once the Legislature has taken action of some kind on a portion of that amendment, it should not be in the discretion of the introducer to just withdraw that without some action by the Legislature saying that it's willing to relinquish the hold that it has on a piece of business that has become the Legislature's through an official act by the Legislature. So what could be done, if you reject Senator Stevens' amendment, is to have a person offer an amendment that contains 30 divisible portions, every one of them objectionable. Let them debate the first one and reject it. Let them debate the second one and reject it. And I could make you debate 25 of them and then say, well, I'm going to withdraw it because I don't want it anyway. Maybe I don't even want the amendment that I'm offering, but since I can withdraw it at any point, no matter what action the Legislature has taken, then I can, by this very means, take a lot of time for discussion on an amendment that I do not want, that is not going to be adopted but which nobody can do anything about other than myself as introducer.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can make you discuss 23 of the 25 portions, make you discuss 24 of them or listen to a discussion and vote on each one separately and then withdraw it, because it's mine to do with as I please. Once the Legislature, in my opinion, has acted on a portion of a motion that has been presented, it should not be the prerogative of the introducer to withdraw it without at least obtaining a majority of those voting or you could say unanimous consent. But there should be something by the Legislature that relinquishes...that shows it relinquishes its hold on this piece of business, whatever it is.