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which it has taken some official action.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just one analogy. If members can think of an algebraic equation and you have a series of things that are within a bracket, what we have is one, if we wish, theorem that is offered that's within a bracket but then the body decides to within the bracket separate that out, we're going to divide that question up and we will vote on each one individually. That is to be sure though each stand on their own but they are within the same bracket, if you wish, they're still a part of the entire motion. And what we're saying is that once you have acted on part of the entire motion, you cannot withdraw that, even though they will each stand separately. I think it will be consistent. I think the body will have a rule that it can play with that's fair and consistent to all people and I think it's something that the body can do and it will be a step in the right direction in this area. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. This requires 25. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of Senator Stevens' amendment to the Rules Committee amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Bernard-Stevens amendment is adopted. Now we're back on the amendment itself. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch, do you still want to offer your amendment to the...

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I would respectfully withdraw my amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would then move to amend the committee amendment by adding after the language just offered by Senator Bernard-Stevens the words "or unanimous consent".

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, would you mind taking this up after lunch?