

that rule, you could contest on how he has divided the question. I don't know how he could do that, or maybe the Speaker could have...the President could have thrown out the fact the way he divided it, that's an argument. But to have a straight up and down vote on whether or not he can or can't divide the question is something that I can't support because, obviously, he can. As Senator Scofield so eloquently mentioned, we, in our zeal to get to this issue, we can't just throw our rules totally out the window. And, for that reason, I cannot support Senator Labeledz here. I hope if, indeed, we do not overrule the Chair, I hope a situation of reason comes over Senator Bernard-Stevens and he would divide this, you know, if it's two or three possibly, that's understandable, but 19 is truly crossing a line of what is senatorial courtesy, but, on the other fact, I can't throw the baby out with the bath water and support Senator Labeledz at this time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: I will yield my time to Senator Stevens.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Hefner, I appreciate, to some degree, being described as a sly fox, but I want to add an adverb, I believe, to that and that would be at least I would hope you understand that I am a sincere sly fox. And I want you to understand, members of the body, that in thinking of this over the interim, and I will be very truthful with you, I have not talked with any particular side one way or another about what I was going to do. This isn't some plot that was hatched and then given to Senator Bernard-Stevens and he deviously planned it and sprung the trap. I may have planned it and sprung a trap but it wasn't devious. Where I learned the technique, by the way, is from this body. Where I learned that the body, indeed, allows what I am about to do or trying to do is from this body and I hope members really pay attention to this because you are setting a dangerous precedent, I'm sorry if I put you in that position, but, nonetheless, you are there now, and the precedent is as follows. If I remember, three years ago before I entered the body, there was a tremendous amount of dissatisfaction with the appropriations process because senators felt that we were voting on large sections without knowing what exactly was in those sections. In fact, if my memory serves me correct, then the