

which some persons want to bring to a vote and some do not, that is again the system. If you can use the system to deny bringing it to a vote, if you're opposed to it, then you go ahead and do it. If you can find a way to bring it to a vote, using the system, then you do that. Those of us who want to vote can, in all good conscience, just as sincere a conscience as anyone has, vote to override the Chair, because we can say, well, the sly old fox outfoxed us when he came in with a substantive amendment and he made an end run on us and we were all caught with our mouth open and, well, that's enough. But the point is that there isn't any reason, there isn't any reason why we can't just go ahead and vote with Senator Labeledz and if tomorrow you want to divide the question and you've got 25 votes, you're going to do it. But let's not stand on this floor on high moral principles and say, oh, dear me, if we divide the question today, we've got to do it tomorrow and that means we're in a real pickle. We're not in a pickle, ladies and gentlemen. It takes 25 votes. Twenty-five votes can do anything on this floor, once in a while it takes 30. I'm going to yield the balance of my time to Senator Labeledz.

PRESIDENT: Three and a half minutes, Senator.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I will not require three and a half minutes but I would like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You bet.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Stevens, Senator Scofield said that she wanted this delay because she wanted us to both...when she came up here and told me, she wanted us to sit down together, you and I, and discuss this long amendment of yours. Tell me or answer me why this amendment that you presented on our desk today, shortly before you stood up for your five minutes, is dated January 12th? Today is January 22nd. You took 10 days and did not print it in the Journal, did not give me or anyone else any opportunity to look the amendments over and possibly, like I said before, even support you on parts of your amendment. Why did you wait 10 days after you received the amendment?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Labeledz, I may be a sly fox but I'm not a fool. At some point, if you're trying to bring