

not going to change the way we feel about the issue. But I also believe that, in all fairness, we have to follow the rules that we have set for ourselves in this body and we all know that Senator Bernard-Stevens is within his right to make that division of the question. And so the decision that was reached by the President of the house is really, really in order. I'm not going to support the overrule but I am going to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens if he would answer a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, I will yield.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Bernard-Stevens, this...I mean, when I look at the amendment even though you do have...you are within your right to make this division, when I look at the amendment and I see 19 different divisions here within one amendment, you know, I can't really believe that it's necessary that we divide it quite in that manner and I'm wondering if there would be any response on your part to looking at it more realistically and seeing if there would be a way you could divide it with less subdivisions. And I will relinquish my time if you would like to speak on that issue.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Smith, for granting me the rest of your time. Members of the body, at least we have slowed down here this morning so we're not going to steamroll or suspend rules, go to Select File. I already have a motion pending by Senator Schmit to suspend the rules on Select, so we roll over it there and we do not again really look at the issue after taking a whole interim to contemplate and talk to constituents. So I think the purpose has been well spent, at least as far as I'm concerned. Mr. President, at this point, I would be more than willing to withdraw the division and substitute a...what I hope to be a more appropriate, Senator Hefner, division. And I would, at this point, withdraw that division and I will then ask...I will then offer at this time another division, if that's possible. That's what I'm asking if it can be done. If it cannot be done, then I will not withdraw that current division.

PRESIDENT: My problem, Senator Bernard-Stevens, is I don't know if this one is going to be any more acceptable than the other division, so give me just a moment here, will you, please. Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you wish to...now I'm not