

overrule issue and when the question was called I still wanted to have the opportunity to speak. I find that this is my only chance that I may have, so I'm going to take it right now, and I'm going to remind us that irregardless of where we stand on the issue, Senator Labedz and Senator Landis brought us back to that concern, but the issue right before us now is not whether or not we support or oppose parental notification as it is called in this bill. What the issue is before us right now, in my estimation, is the process and that process was determined by this body. It seems like every year we go through the process of what are the rules that we have set out for ourselves in here of how we're going to, I guess how we're going to reconcile the concern that we have, whether it is on this issue or whether it is on any of the other bills that we have before us, and the senator is right, according to our rules of whether or not we can divide the question. My understanding is that we have the right as a senator to divide an amendment, and like Senator Warner, that is what the issue is for me right now and that is what my vote is and I want to make that very clear for the record. Whether we agree with each other or not is not what we're talking about right now. We're talking about can we divide the question? Now, I don't like the idea of dividing a question into 19 little pieces and, again, I don't necessarily support the idea of what can be construed by many as being just doing something to hold the process back, but that's what we've said we're going to do in here. That's the way we say this is the process that we want to make sure we have. The time may come when any one of the rest of us on this floor may want to have that same opportunity and it may be the only thing that we see as our ability to get our concerns expressed. In my estimation this is the same amendment which was brought to us yesterday. I have checked that out. It's my understanding it's that same identical amendment that the President ruled could be divided. Nothing has changed our rules in the rule book since yesterday, people. The rules are still the same, so the decision today on that same amendment should be that it can be divided and I do not want to sit here and deal with this issue for the rest of the session. We have some big issues otherwise in this that we should be talking about in here, that the taxpayers of this state are very, very concerned about but we have it before us and so we're going to use the process and I think that we better say that today we don't like it because Senator Bernard-Stevens, irregardless of whether we like what he did or not or is trying to do, wants to do something that our rules say he can do. We'd better remember, tomorrow we may not