

the lesson was, I guess, that we can do things one way or we can do things another, but there are ways within our body to handle whatever rules we set or choose not to do. This particular vote, again, members, is a vote to whether or not a senator can divide the question if it is divisible. And as Senator Warner said, this is divisible as it was done yesterday, that is to seven divisible parts. I can also tell you that the Speaker is working his magic, as only Senator Barrett can do, and certain principals will be meeting this afternoon to try to work out some differences and I hope that to be successful. But I can say that we as the body can set a real positive tone for that discussion this afternoon by saying senators do have a right to divide the question even though we may not like a particular division, and that, in essence, is what we have. Failing to do so, you leave senators who want to try to improve the bill, as I do...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and again, I think where Senator Chambers and I separate our ways, Senator Chambers simply dislikes the entire concept. I personally like the concept. I would like to change certain portions of it to improve it, or at least have the opportunity, and I'd like to have the same opportunity that any senator in a democratic society should have and that's what this vote is today, and we'll see how we can work things out in the afternoon. I urge the body to keep the integrity of the body regardless of your personal feelings and vote to override the Chair, excuse me, to override, or excuse me, I guess we're on a reconsideration, to vote to reconsider, allowing senators to divide the question.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is a motion to reconsider so the Bernard-Stevens motion can be divisible. All those in favor for reconsideration vote aye, opposed nay. This requires 25 votes. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It's an important enough issue that I'd like to ask for a call of the house, roll call in reverse order.