

substantive proposition, shall remain for the decision of the Legislature. I have submitted the division of the question that I want and I'm requesting a division of the question with reference to Senator Stevens' amendment at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: May I have a ruling from the Chair whether the amendment is divisible.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, Senator Labeledz, thank you. The Chair will rule in this instance that the question is not divisible. This Presiding Officer was not presiding on two previous occasions but it occurs to the chair that this Legislature spoke not once but twice to this matter very clearly. It is, therefore, the judgment of the Chair that the question is not divisible. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I challenge the Chair. And I make a motion that the Chair be overruled.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, what we're dealing with here, and I think it behooves the Chair to consider carefully what is being done, is the rule that allows a division of the question. Despite what a majority of the members voted yesterday, logic tells us that this amendment is divisible. I have set out four distinct areas, the first of which deals with allowing the woman involved to talk to an adult family member rather than being limited to just a parent. That could be considered by itself, separated out from the other parts. The second division deals with what constitutes a counselor and the duties of that counselor. That provision could be dealt with by itself. The third deals with a form and its contents, and that can be dealt with by itself. Then the fourth one deals with the disposition of the form and other miscellaneous provisions at the end of the bill, such as striking and inserting or whatever it does. To rule that this is indivisible is to fly in the face of logic and what we know to be true. Whenever a matter is presented to the Chair, the Chair has an obligation to make a ruling based on our rules. There has been no suspension of the rule allowing for a division of the question. The plain intent of the rule, the plain meaning of the rule is that any member may ask for a division of the question, which I have done. The question shall