

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...that that is what happened. The majority cannot dominate like that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I'd call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, would you care to close on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, yesterday when Senator McFarland was talking about the numerous divisions that Senator Bernard-Stevens had offered, he is the one who suggested four divisions. Senator McFarland suggested that if there were to be a division it should be four. And I divided it into four parts. And each one can stand alone. There is nothing in the rule that says anything about what Senator McFarland tried to indicate. Here is what the rule says, any member may call for the division of a question which shall be divided, if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct that one being taken away a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Legislature. It doesn't say that you have to have a unified, entire bill or proposal, if the propositions can be divided. And the purpose in dividing the question is that some...so that some aspects can be accepted while others are rejected. And if a person is wanting to divide a question in such a way that if one part of it is rejected, it almost ensures the rejection of the rest, that's a decision for the person dividing the question to answer. But the division is based simply on whether or not there are distinct propositions contained in the divisions. When I handed the division of the question around that I was going to ask for, I did that so people could see how the division was occurring, and if there was opposition to the way it was divided, which is a separate question, then I would have been willing to accommodate people who saw a different way that it should be divided. I know that as the discussion progresses the question will be called before we can go into detail on each one of the items encompassed by