

that's the way the process works. We're on LB 1019 right now. We have an amendment to it and we have a bracket motion in front of us. We work through those things one at a time. That's the way the rules are structured, that's the way the system functions. I don't believe it's an inappropriate method at this point in time. I can go back to when we first started the personal property tax debate and the very first vote we had we could have saved two weeks of debate. But we had to pick apart LB 1120 piece by piece, amendment by amendment, line by line, word by word, and that was fine. That was the body's choice. Now the body is in the same process with other amendments and we're trying to get caught up a little bit. And, Senator Wesely, outside of maybe one bill to that, and germaneness is in the eye of the beholder, according to this rule and the way the body deals with it, but the issue of whether or not that amendment ought to be...have been addressed I don't think was dealt with in a responsible manner. To threaten to bracket the bill is fine. Senator Byars says he's going to bracket every bill that comes along. Better you than me, Dennis. I like to see you enter the fray. I'm glad to have some company. But that's the issue in front of us. How are we going to deal on the last day? Are we only going to deal with bills that...are we going to change the rules on the last day when we can amend things, that you only deal with the subject matter in front of you? Or only amendments that are personal priority bills of individuals? Are those the only ones that are going to be...we're going to call germane to the bill for purposes of addressing today? That's ridiculous to make that argument. We all have things that are important to us, whether they're personal priorities or whether they happen to be a committee priority, or another individual's personal priority that affect our constituents. They also affect the entire state as does 1019 and the amendments that were to it. I didn't agree with all those but I don't have a problem taking the amendment up and addressing it. It can be divided. That would have been a fine way to deal with it. We would have had to have done it anyway had they been offered independently one at a time. And I don't have a problem with the process continuing to function in that manner, especially after dealing with two bills yesterday over approximately a 12-hour time frame. That's fine. That's the way the system works. I don't see value on the 58th day changing the system...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.