

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: It's not a question of whether a substantive proposition remains if you divide this out. It clearly does. The question is he doesn't want it divided because it will take time. And, admittedly, we have twisted and perverted our rules this session in a way in which I'm not comfortable but at least, at this point, we've only done it in matters of interpretation as to what the words mean. There can be no other interpretation of the words that are in this particular rule. It has...the Chair has to be sustained, even if it is Senator Lamb that we're sustaining. So, with that, I would urge that you support...support the Chair and vote against the Beutler motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, it was refreshing this morning to walk in the Chamber and have Senator Wickersham find some religion on the germaneness issue and I hope he...that religious conversion is continued throughout the day as with some other people that joined him on that because the next motion I have after this is a bracket motion and I'm assuming if the threat worked so well this morning, it will work just as well for me this afternoon because it's just as applicable, and I would argue in many ways even more so. At least the amendments that Senator Wesely was trying to run this morning had to do with health care as opposed to this, has nothing to do with the issue at hand in any way, shape or form. And Senator Withem is absolutely right, obviously, the Chair is absolutely correct and I regret having to say that about Senator Lamb, myself, too, but nevertheless the Chair was absolutely correct, as it was last night on the germaneness. We've thrown every rule out the window on a number of bills. This bill, you know, it was like...it was like trying to find the Holy Grail, trying to find how they were going to amend this bill. I had some very legitimate amendments I wanted to file, can never keep up on a day to day, hour to hour basis where it was ever going to go. By the time they finally filed the motion, they had to stop a rule suspension so I can't file some legitimate motions to this bill. And so one rule is germaneness, catch you. Second rule, division, forget it. Third rule, amendments, bye, we're not going to allow them. How far are we willing to go? I mean, we've just...the system has broken down. It's not the Speaker's fault. It's our fault. Everybody would like to have the same preferential treatment that this bill is trying to get but it's