

of the rules or throwing away the rule book. A motion to overrule the Chair is part of our rules. It's one of the other tools that you have to use in certain circumstances that seem to make sense and today, with time running out, Senator Beutler is trying to do exactly that. With a couple of motions to first overrule the Chair and then suspend the rules we can go to an actual vote on this measure and see whether this body supports or opposes it. Rather than take the time to talk about procedure and the matters involving that, the time might be better spent on the actual issue and going to a vote. Time is running out. I understand there is a lot of frustration but it seems to me that this is an attempt to save time, not take more time and so I would support the Beutler amendment...Beutler motion, recognizing it is part of the rules, to allow us to overrule the Chair is part of the rules, to suspend the rules in certain circumstances, I think that circumstance is here. I think we need to get to a vote on the actual issue before us and this is one way to do it. I support the motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise in opposition to the overruling of the Chair. I think that the Chair, as Senator Lamb and Senator Withem and Senator Moore pointed out, there was a proper ruling last night as well. When I first was looking at this bill and looking at the multiple subjects and the multiple techniques of funding that was listed in the bill, I found, very distinctly, 16 different divisions, if you wanted to break it down that far, that were actually totally separate stand-alone opportunities. I...not wanting to drag through the process, obviously, 16 breakdowns wouldn't necessarily be a way that we could discuss the various merits of activities within the bill and so I broke that down to seven. I have since acquiesced and, in the name of trying to develop some form of expediency for this body on this issue, have agreed to and would be very willing to limit it to only three different divisions and three different votes breaking down the funds in one category, the trust funds as they're created, another category of the gambling tax that is to be distributed, as well as the cigarette tax is the third category. So I'm very willing to not go through and walk through 16 different divisions. That's probably viewed as, obviously, being obstructionist, but with three divisions I think there is merit there. Again, without question, the lines between these issues are very clear and are, without question, divisible. One of the things that