

through and listening to Senator Beutler, he laid out the path we could choose and as I sat there and thought about it, I thought actually he put us on this path in the first place. I don't want to be here at this time, but he put us here, and now he is saying, now here's how we can solve it very easily. Well, I feel when he filed the amendment, he knew the consequences. He knew the amount of time it may take. A lot of people do have bills behind it but a lot of people also want to discuss certain parts or divisions of this bill separately. I think he was well aware of that. It was a choice that he made and Senator Wesely said, you know, we could do this and save time and not take more time. But that was something that they had to calculate before they filed the amendment at this place, at this time, and I think they led us down the wrong path. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to speak against this motion to overrule the Chair. I believe that the Chair did make the right decision last night, anyway. I don't think he had any other opportunity to make a different decision. Let's talk a little bit about division of the question. We have been doing it all session. It seems like just about every day or at least three or four times a week a motion is presented to divide the question. So I would say to this body, why do we want to change this procedure now? And, Senator Beutler, I think you know better than to do this because you're a stickler for the rules, so...so I would think that you would know better than that. I don't want to throw the rule book away. We only have two and a half days left. Why not follow the rules as we have been following them? In fact, we only have four or five hours left today before we go to Final Reading. So I would be...I would hope that, Senator Beutler, that you would withdraw this motion to overrule the Chair and then we could go ahead with Senator Conway's division of the question. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Lamb. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, rules are for a purpose but sometimes when we get in a crunch and need time, as now, that purpose is lost sight of and the rules become an impediment and attempts are made to circumvent the rules if what is desired to be accomplished cannot be