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SENATOR HALL: So in other words you could ultimately, but you would have to wait till the bottom of my other 15 amendments.

SENATOR WILL: Until the...yeah, you would have to wait until the committee amendment had been adopted and any intervening business had been taken care of, that's correct.

SENATOR HALL: And the fact of the matter is is that anyone can ask for a division of the question, there's no priority status for that purpose, correct?

SENATOR WILL: That is correct.

SENATOR HALL: And if I wanted to protect an amendment that I offered from an unfriendly amendment by Senator Will, all I would have to do is ask for a division of the question, correct?

SENATOR WILL: At that point, yes, you could avoid it while the question was divided. And once the divisions have all been adopted then I could still come an amend your bill if I wanted to.

SENATOR HALL: But you would have to then take backseat to my amendments. In other words I would, by having this rule change in place I could basically have priority for any amendment that I offer simply by asking for a division of the question.

SENATOR WILL: You would not be able to amend your own divisions either.

SENATOR HALL: But my...correct, but my amendment would be impenetrable from any other amendment, nobody could touch it?

SENATOR WILL: Nobody could touch it until it...

SENATOR HALL: As long as I divided the question.

SENATOR WILL: ...until it was adopted, exactly.

SENATOR HALL: This is a very interesting proposal. I'll listen to the debate.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Chambers.