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each and every other component or proposition of the divided question will be subject to germaneness rulings. Does that, in your mind, allow it up to any individual to request germaneness at that...at some point in the future, or does it say that it will be decided at the point that germaneness is asked of any component part or any divided portion of that amendment?

SPEAKER WITHEM: This language does not require the Chair proactively to rule on germaneness. Germaneness, at least historically in here, is ruled upon when a member raises the question. This does not change that practice one iota. It means if a ruling is requested on germaneness, each individual component may be subject to that. This is language that was drafted rather hastily and if this amendment is adopted and if we need then to come back and clarify that, I will be happy to do that. But, no, this does not require the Chair to do something different than the Chair has done previous to this.

SENATOR HALL: Well, I understand, Senator Withem, that the Chair has done things different previously, but we're dealing with a rule change which changes all precedent and it goes out the window for purposes of how this particular section would be decided by the Chair. My question goes back and I don't necessarily agree because I think that when you talk about...when the language is as strong as it is and it says each and every other component or proposition of the divided question will be subject to germaneness rulings, I guess I would argue that that's not necessarily the case and that precedent has yet to be set on this rule change if it is adopted. Thank you though. I do appreciate what you intend to have happen should this be adopted. Again, I rise in opposition to the Withem amendment. I believe that it could very likely raise more questions than it could solve. I do think that the original proposal clearly states how this issue can be dealt with and I think it leaves no question in anyone's mind, just with a plain reading of it, that this would allow for a more expedited process and one that would leave little question in anyone's mind. I would urge you to reject Senator Withem's amendment and adopt Senator Will's original amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the