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second vote that will be taken is a vote on the amendment...if we are working on an amendment to the amendment, it will...the second vote that we are taking will be on the amendment that the amendment was to. And then we will take a third vote to advance the bill, as amended, in its entirety. Correct?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That is the procedure. The question is if that intervening amendment had been divided, is the vote just on the divided question...

SENATOR WITEK: Right.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...and that's what the Rules Committee is recommending. What I'm saying is we stick with the precedent we made last year and that vote will be on the entire undivided amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: And that is what your amendment will accomplish? It will be on the entire...see, I guess I'm thinking of, okay, otherwise a bill would come out committee, the first thing an individual would do would be divide.. divide the whole bill...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, they couldn't divide the bill, they divide the committee amendments.

SENATOR WITEK: Divide the committee amendment, which is essentially, in some cases, the entire bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It could be a rewrite of the bill, yes.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, so they divide the amendment or the entire bill and then we work for eight hours on the first division and at the point of cloture we just happen to be on an amendment to that first...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Right.

SENATOR WITEK: ...division of the amendment. So our first vote will be on the amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Correct.

SENATOR WITEK: Our second vote will be on the divided portion of the amendment as a whole.