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be a new departure for me. But the first time one of these rules is invoked against me, then I feel that the cudgel has been thrown down, the line has been drawn and I will give much better than I am given. For every blow struck against me, figuratively speaking, or actually speaking, I will give tit for tat, measure for measure, even-stein. That's the way it's going to be. Senator Elmer does not often get involved...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in the discussions on the floor. Many of those offering these rules don't. Many times you can't even find them, but they may have occasion to be on the floor more often this session. I am opposed to this proposition.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support Senator Elmer's proposal and we didn't have, I don't think, adequate time in the Rules Committee meeting that we had towards the end of the year to really deal with this issue and Senator Elmer had proposed this to the committee, but due to a, I know a conflict that he couldn't avoid, he could not be there the day that we met to explain this and propose it or I feel that the committee would have very likely have responded positively to this suggestion. It's relatively simple, really. I think as it stands now, if a measure can be divided, the Speaker really has no discretion but to divide it into as many parts as the person who requested it be divided asks for if each part can stand alone. There is no discretion whether it makes sense or doesn't make sense, the Speaker really has to do it. This, basically, I think, very logically says that if somebody objects to the division that the body can decide whether they want it divided into all those many parts or not and that motion is debatable and a majority of the members voting decide that question. The other situation it takes care of, and I don't know how or why this doesn't make sense, a bill can't be divided, so if a committee amendment is a total rewrite of the bill, this says that can't be divided. Now I don't know how...I really don't know how you can stand here and say that that's attacking anybody or that that's being unfair because if the committee has rewritten the bill, it stands as a bill, basically, and it should be subject to the same rules as the bill I would think. I think this rule is a very positive suggestion and it won't take away, again, the ability of those who want to debate in