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earnest the issues, it will not take that away. I don't believe that it will. It doesn't shorten cloture or anything else. I think it allows us perhaps sometimes to stay on the entire bill when we have been diverted and forced to focus on only a very small part of the bill. This allows us to stay on the entire bill if the body chooses to do that. And again, if the body doesn't want to, they don't have to. I support the measure. I thank Senator Elmer for the authorship and hope the body will see fit to adopt it.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the Elmer amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Bromm, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Bromm, just out of curiosity, and again, trying to think of examples that actually have happened on numerous occasions, let's assume a committee totally guts a bill, committee amendments come out and actually they put in the committee amendments three, four or five bills at the end in order to try to get them through towards the end of the session and probably four, if not all of the bills, would be technically nongermane to the bill that has been gutted. Okay? So we have a committee amendment that really is nongermane because it has actually included four or five different bills in it. What this rule would do if it was adopted would simply say that, if I'm having it here, it would say that in the case of...in the situation where a committee amendment is offered that constitutes a complete rewrite of the bill, it shall be nondivisible. So if a bill comes out with a committee amendment that has four or five bills put into it, nongermane to the bill itself, we would not be able to, according to this rule, divide those sections out by bill and discuss each one of those under this rule. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, I think that would be correct and I would...you know, I guess I think the chance of a committee doing that hopefully is not as likely as the pitfalls of having the rule the way we've had it.