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of the body by a majority deciding whether a bill could be or a motion could be divided or an amendment. The worst situation you can get into, at least I do, particularly at the end of session and I hate it, is when we have these bills with four or five things in them and maybe I like four and one I dislike and almost inevitably I will vote no on the bill because I couldn't have a chance, in some instances, to even attempt to get something out that I liked or disliked. And if there is anything you want to preserve is your individual ability to dissent from time to time, even though it goes against the so-called will of the body, so I would generally oppose, I'd support the motion of Senator Bromm because it improves things. By the way, it was kind of a need of example of the ability to divide an amendment, if you thought about it, because that's what he did by amendment, but I also would be opposed to the will of the body denying the right of an individual senator to be able to divide the question in order to get at a portion that they thought was poor public policy and were forced to vote against the amendment in whole or in total, probably be misunderstood by your constituents of the things they liked when really there was one issue you wanted to get at. So I would oppose the rule. I would support the amendment to the amendment but then would oppose the rule change.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. There are no further lights. Senator Bromm, would you like to close on your amendment? Senator Bromm waives closing. The question is, should the Bromm amendment to the Elmer amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed. Record, Mr. Clerk. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Bromm's amendment to the Elmer amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The Bromm amendment is adopted. Before we go on to another amendment, I would like to introduce one more guest of the Legislature. Angela Martin from Kearney is a guest of Senator Doug Kristensen today. She is under the north balcony. Would the Legislature please welcome her. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do we have another amendment?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Elmer's amendment. (Chambers amendment appears on page 334 of the Legislative Journal.)