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SENATOR WILL: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Tell me this, Senator Will, because you all run a very tight ship and a wise committee, what's the difference between using an amendatory process to strike each provision or several provisions, what is the difference between that and dividing the question?

SENATOR WILL: The amendatory process, Senator Chambers, would require an amendment to be filed and subsequently debated and then voted on by the body, whereas a division under our rules would be automatic. It would occur simply at the request of the individual desiring the division and then those individual portions of the bill would come up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Will, would there not still be a discussion of each individual part of the question?

SENATOR WILL: There would be. It would simply be...then the onus would be on the body to adopt that individual part as opposed to if the question is amended the onus would be on the body to pull the individual part out if that were what the amendment was intended to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Will, let's say that there is enough support for the Christmas tree to go through. If I would move to divide the question into ten parts, that means we would discuss each of the ten individually, doesn't it?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I would have to get an affirmative vote to adopt, or the other side would have to get an affirmative vote to adopt each one of those.

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if, on the other hand, I'd sought by amendment to pull one of those provisions, I must get an affirmative vote to get them to agree to pull it.

SENATOR WILL: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There'd just be one vote in either case,