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session where I have had my nose rubbed the wrong way enough times, then I'm going to get even, but I'll do it by way of the rules. That is the only way that I will do it. I will follow your rules to the letter and you, right now, are putting in my hands a methodology which, at the time I use it, I'll be able to say it's the only alternative you gave me. You took away the possibility of dividing the question. If everybody is for a Christmas tree....

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll finish it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's say that everybody is for the Christmas tree approach except me. All we will be doing on the day that we attempt to override vetoes, probably the only thing we'll be doing is attempting to override vetoes. Most of these Christmas trees will not have ten proposals, but again let me, for the ease of discussion, say that would be the case. If I'm allowed to divide the question, I can only discuss each division. I cannot amend that particular element that's divided because it's a veto and it either has to be voted up or voted down as it comes to us. Let me ask a question, though, of Senator Will because I may be mistaken. Senator Will, if the Governor sends something back vetoed, are we able to amend that proposition and put it in a different form and pass it, or is the only motion that we pass this particular item notwithstanding the Governor's veto?

SENATOR WILL: If it is specific to appropriations,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: ..Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: If...my understanding of the process is that if the Governor would send back a series of line-item vetoes that the Legislature is able to pick and choose among those that it would choose to override.