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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but once it has chosen one, let's say the amount is \$100,000, is the Legislature in a position to amend that amount to a different amount and re-pass it, or must they pass that \$100,000 or allow the veto to stand on that specific amount?

SENATOR WILL: It's my understanding that we act only on the specific amount that is sent to us by the Governor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, if there were ten parts to this veto override, and again I'm talking just about the appropriations, the most I could do is get ten divisions and discuss each one of those divisions. There is no way I could divide that 100,000 dollar amount into two amounts of \$50,000, is there?

SENATOR WILL: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there is no way I could amend it down to \$50,000 and we try to pass that.

SENATOR WILL: Yeah, that would be out of order.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, at most, I could discuss ten individual propositions if I chose to push it to the limit.

SENATOR WILL: That is probably as divisible as you could make a veto override of that type.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if, on the other hand, I would use the amendatory process, I could amend the amendments that would be offered to a number that I can't even calculate...

SENATOR WILL: Yeah, you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if I was going to push it to the limit.

SENATOR WILL: ...you could theoretically have a variety of combinations, any or all of those ten divisions, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if we were going to do something in the interest of time and efficiency, the best thing to do would be to allow the division of the question, wouldn't it?

SENATOR WILL: Although if division was the only thing allowed,