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that's correct. Adopting your amendment to this particular proposition and then passing it would not preclude someone from using the amendatory process in addition to division.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, Senator Will, what...has not our discussion suggested something to you which might be a wiser, more prudent amendment than the one we're dealing with? Has it suggested to you that you are going after the gnat but you're allowing the alligator to continue to live? And if you fear the gnat or the alligator, it might be best to direct your artillery against the alligator, wouldn't it?

SENATOR WILL: I...framing it in the strategic terms that you do I can understand what your point is. I guess the only comment I would have is that, again, there may be some...something desirable about a package that is together that can only be taken apart by the amendatory process as opposed to...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: ...a division of the question. That's the one advantage that might be out there that individuals, whether it be the Appropriations Committee or individual senators, putting together a package might rather see it be subject to amendment, not for time reasons or anything else but for the fact that they'd rather have somebody have to go out there and get the 25 votes to pull something out of the package.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So now we have discussed the entire panorama and it might be best to leave the possibility of dividing the question as well as the possibility of amending. That's not an unreasonable position, is it?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Chambers, to reiterate what I said earlier, I think what we ought to do this morning is either...is choose one way or the other. We either ought to allow a division or not and...but I think we should clarify that in the rule. And I think you make a very good argument and if the body accepts your argument, then I think we ought to adopt your amendment and adopt that rule change at that point.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Will.