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And I say fair game because I think that is the situation that pertains. The amendment is brought so that this body can have some conformity between the rules that it would apply to a bill, if you wanted to bring it to the floor in the form of a bill and if you wanted to bring it to the floor in the form of an amendment if it has been killed. That is a very, very simple proposition. They accurately, I think, mirror each other and compliment each other. We had considerable discussion about that element yesterday, and I don't want to belabor that. I do want to specifically note, however, that I, of course, oppose the Chambers amendment because I think it literally guts the proposal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Wickersham very accurately described the intent of my amendment and the effect of my amendment. I do want to gut what he is offering to us. We don't have many on the floor this morning, they may be someplace in their offices or other locations where they're able to follow what it is we're saying. But I have to call to your attention, every time one of these efforts is undertaken, the opportunity for mischief which it creates. I want to ask Senator Wickersham a couple of questions, before I make some assertions, in order that you can see that my assertions will be accurate. Senator Wickersham,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...let's say that a bill, which was killed, has three major parts, regardless of what they are, just for the sake of getting to the issue. Would you say...and each part is major. Would you say if one of those major parts were eliminated and an amendment was offered carrying two of the major parts, would those two parts still be substantially the same as the bill which was killed, in your opinion?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, then what I could do, or anybody else could do is break a bill into several parts and by an amendatory process, through several steps, achieve the same goal which would be attempted through one step with an amendment that