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thickness of this amendment that's before us, the vast majority of it had already been through the legislative process, ground up through the mill, and we have sore losers, which often happens. But I'm speaking against overruling the Chair, and when we get this lobby-inspired item off the table, we can then proceed with the business at hand. Senator Howard could have asked for a division of the question when we had the committee amendment before us and chose not to or it simply didn't occur to her. It would be better to just state, as I do when I do this, I'm doing everything I can to stop the bill. I don't get up here and say, it's beyond my ability to understand because that makes me look like a fool, in view of the fact that I didn't make that move when I could have to remove my ignorance. I just tell you all, I don't like the bill and I'm going to do everything I can to stop it. But my colleagues are not that forthright. They try to give the impression on other occasions that they are forthright, but this is what happens when we allow lobbyists to call the shots for us. We have not thought it through. We are not prepared to give a rationale so we're forced to admit, even though maybe not completely true, that we're just dumb. We didn't take the opportunity we had to remove or correct our ignorance and now we're confessing it, and we want the body to slow down and stop so that we can improve our education which could have and should have been done previously. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. These lights were on if you wish to address the overruling of the Chair you may or you may pass over it. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I filed a floor amendment that's on your computers which would remove the Heidemann, previous Heidemann amendment, that portion of this amendment. I oppose dividing this amendment. It is the same amendment. I am filing this floor amendment because I think what we should do at this point in the evening is get this amendment back to the issue at hand, which is the learning community bill dealing with the metro Omaha area. Now I recognize what my colleagues have been saying, you know, that we put deals together and we bunch things up. There's a bill sitting out there on Select File that we can amend the Heidemann