

SENATOR WARNER: ...and we can vote on that one and then they're still alive instead of...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, okay, I'm clear.

SENATOR WARNER: ...what the state can still do, but I understand your point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Members of the Legislature, there have been different groups meeting. They feel the Legislature belongs to them and they are going to ramrod one thing or another through, but they reckoned without me. I still am concerned about some of these programs. Now you can pass this motion as you've done other motions to try to make sure that there is no extensive debate and no consideration of these individual elements, any one of them which is enough to tie up the Legislature if we were going to consider these things seriously. We're playing one-upmanship, who is the power broker and who is going to win, but you're not going to win because I have interests, obviously, that are different from those of the rest of you in the Legislature so I'll plot my course. Now you can offer, as Senator Warner has done, an amendment or a motion that says the question cannot be divided, one of the most important collection of questions that has come before us based on the amount of time and agony that have been generated. But you're not going to stop me from considering them one at a time because I can still force the Legislature to do it. I think it's a mistake to suspend this rule because all you're doing is seeing who has the power today, Senator Beutler who sits on my left or Senator Warner who is on my far right. Now if Senator Beutler has more people who have been meeting with him, he will win. If Senator Warner has more that have been meeting with him, he will win. But I don't care what kind of meetings you all have had, I don't care what lobbyist you have made commitments to, what kind of programs have been tied together or deals struck. I am going to deal with this matter as long as I am a member of this Legislature in a way that I think is suitable based on my understanding of the situation and the importance I attribute to certain of these programs. But I am saying that I am in opposition to this motion of Senator Warner. I'm going to oppose it and if the motion carries, that still is not going to ensure that you won't take these issues one at a time. I'm opposed to his motion, I think it's a bad