

choice to do it and some won't. I just don't understand that, how you are going to vote this. If there is anybody here, Senator Warner or anybody, that can explain to me how we are going to vote for this motion and it is going to be indivisible, that would settle a question, except we've got all these amendments. To me that means those amendments divide the question. So I am serious. Anybody here explain to me how you don't do that? Senator Chambers, you are the legal beagle around here on rules. Would you please yield to a question? Thank you. Do you understand what I'm trying to say?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you ask the question again so I can...

SENATOR HIGGINS: I'm saying that if we vote for the Appropriations Committee amendments...or recommendation, and there are some 15 or so amendments pending now, you and I don't know whether they are there as amendments to the Appropriations Committee report or not. Then how do you make this indivisible if you've got all those amendments pending? Everybody gets their own point on it, right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here's the way the procedure is now, as I understand it. Senator Beutler has an amendment pending. The appropriations proposal will be offered as an amendment to the amendment. As such it cannot be amended. It can't be amended, first of all, without even a suspension of the rules you can't amend an amendment to an amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Warner's motion is to suspend the rules so that his amendment to that amendment cannot be divided into the 1 percent across the board on one side and the individual cuts on the other, which would be too distinct items. So his motion would suspend the rule and you have to take his entire proposal as one.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Package, right, but what about the amendments that are up there that have been pending since last week, or yesterday, or this morning?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If his is adopted to the Beutler amendment, then it becomes one amendment and you can offer any amendments to the Warner-Beutler amendment that you want