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SENATOR WITHEM: Pardon me, point of order. How can we have an amendment on the desk to be discussed by the body but we could not ask the legitimate question that that be divided? I'm sorry, I just don't understand that point. I've asked for a division. The rules give me a right to ask for a division. We have an amendment, a Schellpeper amendment on the floor that is being debated. I would raise the further point that there is no amendment before us for the purpose of...for the purpose of division.

CLERK: Senator, if I may, the difficulty I think before the Chair can rule on the division is to know how the amendment is structured so that it allows for a division of the question. At this point, I have Senator Schellpeper's amendment in front of me. I haven't had an opportunity to go through the amendment to ascertain whether or not it is divisible. From a topical standpoint, you are absolutely correct, it is divisible, but the way the amendment is structured I'm not prepared at this point to advise the Chair as to where that division should occur, and until I have an opportunity to do that, that's the scenario as I see it, Senator.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Mr. President, I would have to, I guess on a point of order, I would like to agree with my colleague, Senator Withem, if we indeed...and I understand what the Clerk is saying as well. I would like to suggest that we stand at ease for about 10 minutes so that we can clarify where the division should be and we pick up at that point.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will stand at ease for a few minutes. Senator Withem, would you identify where you would like to have it divided?

SENATOR WITHEM: Again, Mr. Speaker, I don't have the amendment in front of me. What I have is a written explanation that is all the introducer has provided us. I want the issue of the exemption of livestock treated as a separate issue as opposed to the rest of the package.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, I might suggest, why don't you come up front here so we can...and, Senator Schellpeper, would