

the strict, narrow interpretation of the rules, we, as a body, have chosen not to do that for very obvious reasons, and this is one of those reasons why we don't want to do a strict, narrow interpretation of the rules. If Senator Coordsen's motion is agreed to, and it is ruled, and the body upholds the ruling that it's not germane, I'm thinking of other bills, whether it be LB 757, whether it be LB 110, other bills that we already have divisions of the questions that we'll be contemplating what we're going to get ourselves into as a body after we divide the question, separate things out, we then get into germaneness fights, which always can go to roll call votes, always can be reconsidered, and that parliamentary scenario is not a very pretty one for us to get into. I think Senator Coordsen made a very procedurally correct motion when he divided the question. It gives the body a chance to look at each individual part and decide whether we agree with those processes or not. I think that's a legitimate way to go. We can say, no, we don't agree with Section 8, yes, we do, we move on to the other sections, and then we move forward. But to not overrule the Chair at this point, I think, will put this body in a precedent setting mode, in the last few days of the session, that we dare not and do not wish to get into. And I don't think it harms, when we overrule the Chair it upholds the precedent we set, and it also still guarantees we'll have the adequate discussion on this bill and the votes will be taken on the various sections of the bill. So if we agree with it or not, the Withem amendment, those votes will be taken, as they should be. And whether the amendment of Senator Withem is agreed to or not, we'll go to the committee amendments and we'll talk about those and the bill, as we should. This particular motion, however, I think is not so much dangerous on this bill as a precedent it will set on the others pending on Select File. And I hope the body overrules the Chair to continue that loose interpretation that we have and keep the body from getting into a major quagmire on parliamentary rules, which we may be somewhat in, anyway, on Select File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I don't know if Senator Withem has left, good, because then I can say what I'm going to say, since he's out of the Chamber. But the procedural motion that was made was made basically in admiration of Senator Withem's skill as a user of the rules, and certainly parliamentarian, par excellence, in