

eleven but it starts petering out at about twenty-one. We do it all or not at all. The Governor has asked for it, so to speak, and this would give him a chance to explain. Of course, he has got to explain the half cent sales tax increase for the cash fund which I hope the Legislature, I will be one that comes in here in January, tries to repeal or lower. Then, of course, he will have this other half cent ~~sales tax increase~~ and income tax increase to explain which I will along with you try to get lowered next year but there is no in between on this kind of morality when you make a black and white saying of returning a certain amount of money. Now I personally think the smart thing for the Governor to do would have been to veto everything including the sales tax repeal on food or take the package, treat the state employees kind of halfway decent and honest, treat the other employees with the money we provided. It is money from the people, tax money. We were using it for a legitimate state purpose. He has cut one-half of the program, insisted the eleven million "windfall" be returned. We are simply correcting it. It is a thirty million windfall. Do it all or not at all and that means if you are going to do it you adopt the twenty-one amendment and hopefully we legislators will come in next year and lower the taxes as a result of these things that have to happen at his request this year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell. Excuse me, Senator Newell. Senator Cullan, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I rise to raise a point of order. I object to the amendment on the grounds that it is not germaneness and ask for a ruling of the Chair on the germaneness of the amendment to this bill. The bill, let me read a description of the bill then, LB 17. The committee statement says that LB 17 exempts from the sales tax water used for the care of livestock, under current law water used for drinking by the livestock exempt but not if used for other purposes such as washing down or cooling these animals. The original bill also contains an exemption for sewer services related to the care of livestock though under current law there are not any related sewer sales tax exemptions. The bill is very narrowly drawn. It obviously has nothing to do with the rebate for the tax on food. The amendment is obviously not germane. I would ask for a ruling from the Chair on that point.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Now we are on the subject of germaneness. Anybody wish to speak to that let me see your hand. Okay. Senator Fenger, we will go with you first and then Senator DeCamp and then Senator Newell and then Senator Pappas, did you want to speak to germaneness?