

rate of interest and a specified time to accrue and I am sure there is no disagreement on that part. And it limits the time for which prejudgment interest can be awarded from the time of the offer to judgment, in other words, from the time the offer was made to when judgment is actually received. I would ask you to adopt the amendment. I think it would settle this controversy if we could do it with a minimum of discussion or battle since this issue has been battled over many times and much discussion. I would think that might be an appropriate way to get this one behind us now and for the next foreseeable future. And with that said, I would simply say I think it makes sense.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall. Or, Senator Barrett, excuse me, Senator Barrett, then Senator Hall, Senator Landis. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. I would respectfully request that the Chair issue a ruling on germaneness with reference to this amendment found on page 624 of the Journal. In my opinion, this is not germane under our legislative rules. There has been no common agreement, I might add. LB 298, Mr. President, addresses the issue of postjudgment interest. It is a clean bill. This amendment offered by Senators DeCamp, Hannibal and Lundy addresses the issue of postjudgment interest. 298 says how it is figured, that is according to the treasury bill rate. This amendment involves how and when the interest is figured. I would call the Chair's attention to our own Rule 7, Section 3, I believe it is subsection (d), among other things. And I quote, "A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject or accomplishes substantially different purposes of that of the original bill to which it is proposed." I would ask for a ruling, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the question of germaneness? Senator Hall, do you care to address that question? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Without sacrificing my light to just talk about the subject matter itself, I do think it is germane. The subject matter of this section is interest payments concerning judgments and there is a purpose that runs through the section and that is to see that people who have been wronged get their money on time. Postjudgment interest