

allowed to stand with the distorted interpretation that is being applied then we will be, in effect, abolishing the rules, we will be conceding to Senator Chambers and what he wants to do, and I don't agree with Senator Chambers. I think the germaneness rule serves a purpose. I think we need to limit debate on particular issues. There are bills for revenue that should be revenue bills, there are bills for education that should be education bills, and there are bills for government or agriculture or what have you that should be in those specific subject areas. This is not a revenue bill, it is a school bill, it is a teacher salary bill and this amendment is not germane. It will be very interesting if the Chair is not overruled here because I'm sure there will be amendments to the judges salary increase bill that Senator Schmit has pending to increase sales tax or increase income tax to fund that. There will be amendments to other bills pending by other senators in this body to increase taxes to fund that, and I'm sure there will be a lot of squirming and a lot of rationalizing and a lot of specious reasoning that would be able to justify those amendments not being germane, but I suspect that will be happening. What we're doing here, if the Chair's ruling is upheld in this case, we will be resorting to a strictly political decision on an issue and we will not be looking at it from the aspect of how the rules are supposed to be interpreted and applied. I would call upon you to maintain the integrity of the rules. We make them for a specific purpose, and for that reason they should be upheld, regardless of what the politics of the situation is or are. So I would urge you to vote to overrule the Chair. I think the Chair's ruling is legitimately wrong. It was labored reasoning, it is specious reasoning to try and justify this as a germane amendment. And once the Chair's...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...hopefully the Chair's...and I trust that the Chair's ruling could be overruled, then we can deal with the revenue issues in revenue bills, because there are some pending. If Senator Schmit wants to bring this amendment to a revenue bill, he can certainly do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Since I'm entitled to say something, I would only say, in answer to what has been said, that my ruling was not political. The question is, shall the Chair be overruled? Roll call vote has been requested in reverse order. That's fine. Did you request to go under call, Senator