

think we have to consider the...the amendments of Withem. We've decided to do it one at a time. But I think we should overrule the Chair and certainly consider each of them in turn.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion to overrule? Senator Withem, would you like to close.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would, very briefly, just respond to two arguments. First of all, Senator Beutler's argument basically was one of, I believe, in a strict germaneness rule, a strict ruling was given, ergo I have to support the ruling. But I didn't see a logical connection beyond that, that any strict ruling of the germaneness rule needs to be supported, whether it, in and of itself, makes a lot of sense. The other...the other argument that I heard was, some of the remarks Senator Coordsen made, I would like to at least set the record straight because he was giving me grand credit for very creative drafting of an amendment to make it...to make it germane when it otherwise would not have been. And I would just like to refer the body to two or three things. I...I...what I understood him to say was the committee amendment says we're going to make some changes, two changes in the bill. And the second amendment happens to change Section 25 of the bill, I believe it is. And I just very creatively drafted this in such a fashion that we would strike Section 2 and then go on...strike Section 2 of the amendment and then just go on and add a whole bunch of new stuff. Well, that's not the way the thing was drafted, and that's not what happened. I did have an amendment printed in the Journal, I think, amendment 1332. And I got to looking at it yesterday and compared it to the committee amendments. The committee amendments change language in Section 25. Section 25 deals with the whole section of hand digging, is how we referred to it. Committee amendments change that. My amendment, 1332, changed that section also. So my amendment to the committee amendment simply combines both of those changes into one, single amendment. It expands upon the change made by the committee amendments to Section 25. So, it wasn't...it was not a ruse to make this germane. The amendment, upon reflection, was, in fact, a germane amendment to the committee amendment. Nobody has argued that it is not in its entirety. The only thing I'm arguing, by dividing it out, even though each amendment will be voted on separately, that's what I think the ruling...the intent of the language that Senator Vrtiska read, is that each section will be voted upon independently. I don't think that means each