

as I indicated, when I asked for a ruling on the germaneness on this I think it's important that we establish at least a degree of precedent as to how broad the interpretation of the germaneness rule is to be. I think clearly if you read the germaneness rule very, very narrowly it's very difficult to draft a germane amendment or can be. I think that clearly that the Wickersham amendment, while I disagree with it at this point and probably will vote against it, I think that the Wickersham amendment falls within the germaneness of this bill in that it does deal with the sales tax statutes, does deal with the types of sales that are taxable and I think that this type of amendment is clearly not a large departure from the germaneness rule and is something that ought to be allowed. Again, I hope that not only on this amendment, but on other issues that arise down the line that when it comes to the issue of germaneness we're able to put aside our opinions on a specific issue in front of us and vote on the merits of the question before us when it comes to germaneness. So again, in that spirit on this amendment that I disagree with, at this point I do intend to vote to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Will. At this time the Chair is going to choose to change its mind. Since the folks who decided to raise the issue now think that the germaneness ruling was improper, I'll see it proper to change my mind and go ahead and allow for the amendment and consider it germane at this point. Senator Wickersham, would you care to discuss your bill, your amendment?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I was getting prepared to discuss germaneness, but thank you, Mr. President. I will waive off.

SENATOR HALL: If you are willing to withdraw your motion to overrule the Chair that is.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I am willing to withdraw that motion.

SENATOR HALL: And since your light is next, the question is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment. Senator Wickersham, on the amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Mr. President, some of the discussion here has been quite interesting thus far. I think the logic, if you will, perhaps the equity, perhaps the rightfulness, perhaps the justness of the amendment have been acknowledged sometimes