

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: The question of germaneness, I would argue again, as we had dealt with earlier this session, is not right at this point. It is out of order and I would ask the Chair to rule that way. The motion is to return to Select File. When the amendment is in front of us at that point in time, there is a motion on the desk for the Clerk to read that would suspend the germaneness rule. At that point in time, I believe a question of germaneness would be appropriate even though the motion is there and we could rule on...or we could deal with suspension of the rule, which is how I explained we would like to deal with this as up front, straightforward and honest as possible. Madam President, I would ask that you rule the request for a germaneness ruling out of order at this time, as not being right.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator...Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, I'm not sure if we did have a definite decision earlier this year on this...on this point, so I would still ask that my germaneness rule be considered.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Witek, I believe that this is not the appropriate time for a question on germaneness as the question before the body is a motion to return a bill from Final Reading to Select File. At this time, I want a motion to return.

SENATOR WITEK: So, for the record, we are establishing...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Pardon?

SENATOR WITEK: For the record, we are establishing that the germaneness question from now on will be asked if a motion to reconsider is accepted and then we will go on the bill, so germaneness will not be considered until after a reconsideration motion is either accepted or rejected.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: That's...

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, we're considering a motion to return to Select File, not a reconsideration motion.

SENATOR WITEK: I'm sorry, a motion to return to Select File.