

the Journal, I mean the essence of it. 154 I believe. Well I blew that. Maybe it is 151 here. Okay. The amendment is at 154 if you want to read it word for word. I think you start about line 14, 15 in there and there it is in simple language. I will read it. What the heck. (Read amendment found on page 154 of the Journal.) Now didn't you like Humpty Dumpty's story better than that?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler. The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, I would like the Chair to rule on two items. First of all, I would like a ruling on whether this amendment is germane and, therefore, can properly be considered as an amendment to this bill and following that ruling, Mr. President, I would like the... if the Chair rules that it is germane, why then I would like a ruling on whether the following motion would be in order and that is a motion to refer this amendment to the Reference Committee which in turn would refer it to a Standing Committee so that it could have a public hearing and we could understand its provisions.

PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, in germaneness, I have just taken a look at the proposed amendment and keeping in line with the decisions that the Presiding Officer of this Legislature has made over the years, if it occurs in the same general statutory area, same sections of the statute, same subject matter, it has been held to be germane, Senator Hoagland, and I am reluctantly of the opinion at this point that it is germane. Now as to the second point of motion to refer, I presume that there is no reason you can't make that motion at any time. The only problem is you are generally referring to the reference of the entire bill and now we would be separating or dividing a part of a bill under motion which has not even been acted upon. I think it is very difficult to refer something that has not even been decided yet. In other words, this may be voted down. I think that you could then refer, if it is passed, you could refer the whole thing back, would be my suggestion.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I am very much against, Mr. Speaker, the practice of our voting on the floor on complicated matters people don't understand that have not had a public hearing, but I will defer to the Chair's ruling and if this is attached to the bill, why then I will move to have the bill referred back to committee in its entirety for an additional hearing.