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issue has been raised but my assumption from the amendment that we just heard previously that I thought you said was not appropriate for the committee amendment, I would assume that any amendment to the committee amendment would have to properly deal under the rules only with the same identical subject matter that the committee amendment dealt with. I would think that Senator Johnson's amendment or for that matter Senator Landis' also probably would be appropriate to the bill as a whole. So I guess I will raise the question. I hadn't intended to but since I had the button on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You are asking me a question as to whether the Johnson amendment as I understand it is any different than the Landis amendment and the answer is no.

SENATOR WARNER: My specific question, Mr. President, is whether or not it is germane to the committee amendment not whether it is germane to the bill? I draw a distinction.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, Senator Warner asked the question as to whether your amendment, as I understood the question, whether your amendment is any different as far as germaneness is concerned than Senator Landis' and my answer is that your amendment is germane, as I understand it, to the bill as a whole but not to the committee amendments. Now I guess if we are going to get into a highly technical argument, it is going to take all afternoon. We are going to have to return to another bill. We can't spend all afternoon on a technicality if we are ever going to get our work done in here. Senator Newell, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I just wanted to mention this one point, that at one time this amendment was part of the committee amendments. That what had happened was the committee put it on, this amendment on the committee amendments and then the committee through some change of heart came back and took this amendment off and so it was at one time on the committee amendments. So I would think that that might help shed some light on whether or not it is germane.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, do you want to be recognized? Okay.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I understand your concern, Mr. Speaker, for the process and the time that it takes but I do believe this amendment is germane to the committee's amendment.

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