

opinion, the exemption status of whatever the issue may be. Whether it is infrastructure of municipal bonds or education, this section talks about the exemptions that are going to be allowed, and I would submit that it is germane. It is smack-dab in the middle of the section. It covers several topics that relate to the exempt status, whether it is the Nebraska College Savings Plan or whether it is the municipal bonds or some other issues that would be exempt. It is talking about the word "exemption". So I would urge a vote to override the Chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before calling for a vote, the Chair would like to make a statement as well, and it is within the prerogative of the Chair to do so. It is true, as some have said, that the rulings made by at least this presiding officer have been falling on the side of narrowness. It is the opinion of this presiding officer that that is exactly what this body wants this presiding officer to do. A few years ago we were operating under some broader germaneness rules. The Rules Committee, with a concurrence of a majority of the members of this body, voted to change those rules to narrower standards. This presiding officer is operating under those conditions with the understanding that this is what this body wanted the presiding officer to do. That will, hopefully, be the continuation of rulings made by this presiding officer. Two thoughts occur to me. If there are those who want to again operate under the broader interpretations of the rules, perhaps the rules should be changed. Secondly, if there are those who continue to object to the rulings of the Chair in this area, one should always remember that to operate outside the parameters, all one needs to do is to suspend the germaneness rule. With that, the question before the body is, shall the Chair be overruled? Those in favor vote yes, opposed no. Twenty-three votes necessary to overrule. Have you all voted? Have you all voted if you care to vote? Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Twenty-three votes?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Twenty-three votes necessary, yes. A record vote has been requested. Record, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1091 of the Legislative Journal.) 14 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Anything further on the bill,