

because Senator Hefner's amendment dealing with tenure is far different than the actual scope of the bill dealing with increasing teachers' salaries. Obviously, teachers' salaries and tenure, to some degree, go hand in hand more than tax exempt bonds and tuition tax credits, but I think as I have a copy of the vote the other day, and I think if Senator Withem is going to support the narrow germaneness ruling today as I am going to support, I think we continue our precedent of a very narrow germaneness ruling, and with that in mind, we should support the Chair and not allow Senator Hefner's amendment to be considered.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barrett, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. We had an interesting discussion the other day on the ruling made by the Chair and the strict construction of the rules at that time. Irregardless of how I might feel on this particular amendment that is under consideration, casting that aside, I would have to agree, Mr. President, with the decision made by the Chair. I am particularly pleased because of something Senator Withem said, the consistency which is now perhaps obvious to most of us, if not all of us, in this body. Our rules, in this case, I think, at least in my humble opinion, are rather clear. Rule 7, Section 3, subsection (d), we have in this case perhaps a substantially different subject, and, again, regardless of how I might feel on the amendment and I might join Senator Hefner, in this particular case, I would have to agree with the decision made by the Chair and I would hope the body would sustain the Chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, did you wish to talk on the germaneness? Senator Warner, on the germaneness?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I agree with the Chair but I want to make just one brief comment since it has come up on tenure. Actually, it isn't tenure at all, and as I recall when I was on the Education Committee and the whole issue came up, the issue is due process, and at that time, it has been a number of years ago, there had been numerous lawsuits on the dismissal of public employees, and there...as a result of those court cases, essentially, they have, in effect, a property right as defined in the Constitution to that job. That is not exactly correct, but, in any event, it amounts to that and all the laws on the books on this area to my recollection, at least, deal with putting in a due process