

of these things. We are too restrictive in how we have decided now on the germaneness question, and we are denying the chance to debate fully some of these issues. Senator Ashford's point, I think, is well taken. We are talking here about dealing with a cocaine problem. It is a serious problem. We have talked about it nationally. We have talked about it on the state level. We know it is there. I think we are all concerned about it. We all agree on that point. Now what do we do about it? We deal with the penalty questions that Senator Abboud is talking about, but if we really want to get at some of the cocaine issue, we want to get at some of the drug problems, Mr. Bennett, the drug czar of this country, said that we have got to deal with the AK-47s. We have got to deal with the semiautomatic weapons out there, and our drug czar is the person that went to the President of this country and said you must stop the import of those, and that action was taken. So they are related, they are germane, they are tied in together. They are one and the same type of an issue. If we are going to attack the drug problem, if we are going to attack the people involved in the drug trafficking, you have got to deal with the guns. You have got to deal with the fundamental issue of how they are able to do what they are able to do. With all the work and all the effort we are putting into stopping this, they are still able to do this. Let me give you another example of the seriousness of this problem. We had, recently, the Rulo case, and many of us have forgotten some of the horror stories that were involved there, but I talked with the patrol leader of the task force that came in and took over that farm down there, and I talked to that individual about the experience, and he told me this. He told me if they had not done it the way they did and surprised those people down there on that Rulo farm, if you remember, there was a group of them with a crazy religious cult and they killed a child and did other things that were just unbelievable down there. They came in, and if they hadn't surprised them, if they had caught them when they were ready for them, they said they were armed better than the patrol coming in on those people. They had more weaponry there than the patrol had, that they would have been outgunned by this crazy group down in Rulo, Nebraska. We have got a serious problem, and we have got a problem we have to address. It ties into the drugs, it ties into many other things. I grant you that you can legitimately vote to sustain the Chair that this may be beyond the reach, the germaneness of this issue, but I also beseech you to think a little about how restrictive we have become in determining what is germane and what isn't. This is an