

be brought to a bill as an amendment, but that should not bind this body. It is not an insult to the Speaker. It is not a questioning of his competency or his integrity for us to overrule him. We, as a body, must consider each one of these matters when it is brought to us in this fashion and determine whether or not, in fact, there is a matter of germaneness or an issue of germaneness that would make it out of order to offer the type of amendment that is before us, and I don't think that it is. It is an amendment which would attach a punishment to a certain act. Senator Ashford's first amendment...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...was designed to ban these weapons and various activities associated with them. This amendment does not ban anything. This amendment deals with a punishment, and that bill as drafted says on the cover sheet, and that is what a court looks at when it begins to determine whether or not the bill's title adequately gives notice of what is contained therein, crimes and punishments. It opens it up, and I believe that the issue is germane and I will vote with all due respect to the Speaker, but even more respect to my own judgment, to overrule the Speaker in this instance.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, on the question of overruling the Chair.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, members of the body, it seems as though this debate of overruling the Chair has turned into some sort of a speaking platform for different entities, different reasons, different everything else, so I would like to put a plug in for the State Patrol. The State Patrol's name was brought up and I would like to put a plug in that we introduce legislation or that we amend legislation to drastically increase the salaries of the State Patrol. I also would like to see us amend a statute or a bill to increase their retirement, as they do not draw Social Security. They can't draw it. So due to the State Patrol being mentioned, I think I am within my rights to put a plug in for the State Patrol. Now as far as the germaneness in the rules, the only thing that would have to be done is to change the rules. It is just that simple. You just round up your votes and you say I want to change the rules, Section so-and-so, Section (b) on page 99, and if you get the votes, change the rule. It is just that simple. Then we don't have to go through this 45 minutes or an hour to challenge the