

are raising the tax to fund that program, therefore, a tax increase is germane to any bill offered that would create a program or require the expenditure of money. Any bill we offer is going to require some money to be spent. If we offer a bill to create a new penalty, then you can say that there is going to be more prosecution, more arrests, more convictions, more lock-ups, so you've got to appropriate more money for the Department of Corrections and to do that you ought to raise the sales tax to accomplish it. Nobody is going to go for that. But if you decide to vote today that a tax increase amendment is germane to this teachers' salary bill, then I think the converse would be true that if you have a tax increase bill, an amendment could be offered to tell how that tax money would be spent. So any time a tax increase measure is brought before us, I, or anybody else, could offer an amendment to create a program for which that money would be spent and you could vote down the amendment but it would have to be ruled germane. What Senator Withem seems to be arguing is that any time the question of money comes up then any program that would deal with the expenditure of money could be created by an amendment that would be offered to that bill. But what he is really saying directly here is that, any time you have a bill that deals with a program or anything that's going to require the expenditure of money, you can add a tax increase amendment. I don't think that those two things, based on the way that you all have been voting, should go together in the same bill. You have a bill to accomplish a purpose. You have an A bill that is attached to provide the funding. The tax increase is not as such for the purpose of providing the funding, the A bill has to do that. If you raise a tax...let me ask Senator Withem a question. Senator Withem, may I ask you a question?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator...oh, he's not here. Oh, right, you're here but you're not here at your post, which you are now.

SENATOR WITHEM: I'm moving as quickly as I can, Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Withem, is it your understanding that if Senator Schmit's amendment is attached and that sales tax is increased then that money automatically goes to this purpose