

its green form, talked about that and that was the smoking mirrors that certain people used to try and get support for this was to tie it to property tax relief. Well, I think it's only fair to put what was in the bill back in the bill as far as property taxes and it's, obviously, germane to talk about a funding source to a bill. And, with that, I urge the body to sustain the Chair's ruling.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in support of Senator McFarland's motion to overrule the Chair in this issue because I think the...even if we're going to...I guess we're being consistent...I just think we're being consistently wrong on the germane issue here. It's getting to be like Nebraska...

(Recorder malfunction, some debate is lost). (Recorder malfunction. Beginning of Senator McFarland's speech not recorded.)

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...that's going on here, because I think that resorts to the chicanery and skullduggery that's involved in this ruling. The issue here is a political issue. The attempt is being made to add a sales tax to this particular bill, not because of any real concern about the funding mechanism. My impression is, and it may not necessarily be Senator Schmit's impression...or Senator Schmit's intent, but I think there are a lot of people in this body who want this issue to be brought up as a tax increase, not for the purpose of any altruistic motive in funding the bill, but more for the purpose of defeating the bill itself, because they are opposed to the salary increase for teachers and they will resort to any tactic to try and prevent a salary increase from occurring. There is a legitimate reason for the salary increase. Those young people up in our balcony are being taught by teachers. They are very dedicated to their profession and yet their salaries do not compare anywhere to the salaries of the teachers in our surrounding states. We are ranked 46th in the nation in the salaries we pay our teachers, and yet these children are receiving a very good education and these teachers are being paid a substandard wage for that. The whole purpose of this ruling is to undermine the bill, it's not in any way related to the germaneness question. If this germaneness question is