

amendment is to the bill as amended by the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I really enjoy being in this Legislature and I love these rulings from the Chair. See what happens when you have to strain at a gnat, you wind up swallowing a camel. The thing to which that ruling was attached is not even in the bill, that's why I like to watch all this posturing and these specific votes as a tactic on the germaneness issue. I love it. Love the Legislature this morning. My heart is filled so full of bursting I can look at everyone in here today and say, I love each and every one of you. And rather than do away with the good feeling, I'm not even going to comment further on Senator Withem's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I would have to rise in opposition to Senator Withem's amendment. I do so with deep regret because I know he has spent a lot of time on education issues, he's very knowledgeable, he's very sincere and he's dedicated. I'm probably the only person on this floor who has ever incurred a long-term financial obligation during good times and then have fallen upon hard times and found myself in difficulty to meet that obligation. So of course you have not the background nor the experience that I have, and so, therefore, you cannot relate to why I want to dedicate one cent of sales tax toward the support of this fund. So many times we find that we have good intentions on this floor and we address an issue and we enact legislation only to find that in later times we do not have the money and the program falls by the wayside. I don't know how, if someone can tell me how we will vote on the multitude of bills that are now before the...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, excuse me. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you very much, Mr. President. I do appreciate that attention to call order because I believe it is important that we listen to both sides of the argument. As I said, I do not know how many of the bills that are before the Appropriations Committee that are demanding funds, but I would guess there is a half a billion dollars worth there, are going to be advanced to this floor, nor do I know how this body will react upon them. If someone can guarantee me that most of those bills will not become law and that the surplus funds, whatever they may be, would be adequate to handle the money for this