

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, this amendment is extending this bill to NRDs. The bill is a very narrowed bill. It applies only to fine arts museums. It is not intended to open the door to, and I don't think it is in the best interests of the body to open the door to all sorts of exemptions for all sorts of different types of sales tax or other forms of tax. The amendment goes much further than this bill. This bill is limited to a particular type of purchase and is not intended to exempt all forms or to be extended to other forms of government.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, under (c) on page 54, it states, a nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject or accomplishes substantially different purpose than that of the original bill to which it is proposed. Mr. President, this bill establishes the same purpose as 705. It talks about sales tax exemption and that's what 705 is. It's a sales tax exemption bill and my amendment is exactly the same thing. It is a sales tax exemption amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. With reference to germaneness it appears to the Chair that 705 does address exempting purchases of art by fine arts museums from sales tax and the Haberman amendment to 705 does relate to natural resource districts and in that case, it would occur to me that there are two different subjects and I would declare the amendment to be not germane and out of order. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, that ruling just shakes me to the soles of my boots. I had no idea at all that you would rule that way, so I guess I have a recourse that I can suspend the rules, is that correct?

SPEAKER BARRETT: That is correct.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And that takes 30 votes?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes. You must first challenge the ruling of the Chair. I'm sorry, you can suspend without that. I stand corrected.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, thank you, Mr. President.