

appreciative of his ruling. I believe that in order to be consistent, and we're going to talk about the issue of germaneness now, not the amendment, and if we do get talking more about the amendment I will tell you that I am opposed to the amendment and, if we do have an overruling of the Chair, I will rise in opposition to the amendment and try to give you my reasons why I don't think it's a practical amendment. It won't accomplish what the goal is, although I do have no quarrel with the goal. But the issue is here one of germaneness, and germaneness rule is in our book that says that the...a nongermane amendment would be one that deals with different sections of law, different chapters. As Senator Rogers pointed out, this obviously does. We're talking about Chapter 77 with the bill and the amendments, we're talking about a different chapter, I believe it's 509, I don't have it in front of me, with the amendment. Completely different areas of law. The other issue that is under concern, when you're talking about germaneness, is does it substantially alter the intent of the bill? Obviously it does not have anything to do, in my estimation, with the intent of the bill. The bill is a fairly simple, straightforward bill that increases a credit to an already in place act. It makes minor changes, although they might be significant in dollar amounts, makes minor changes in the workings of the act. It strictly raises the amount of credit and lowers the amount of investment. What Senator Wesely's amendment will do, it talks about a whole different issue, talks about a review process, talks about an accounting process, talks about some issues that would be completely away from whether the act is proper. I believe the issue is not a close call. I believe the issue is one clearly that is not germane. And I would hope that the body will sustain the Chair, and I will have a lot more to say about the amendment, if it is ruled germane.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, would you care to speak to the challenge? Thank you. Senator Wesely, and Senator Rogers are the only other two lights. Senator Wesely, anything further? I'm sorry, you spoke. Senator Rogers, would you care to speak to the challenge?

SENATOR ROGERS: Well, Mr. Speaker, members, my only other comment, I guess, is we discussed a very similar amendment the other day at length. I think everyone understood what it was at that time. And I think this might be another small reason to rule in the Chair's favor. Thank you.