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not rule as to how you vote on the germaneness issue. You should rule on the vote of the germaneness issue as to whether or not you feel it is in fact germane and, if you listened to my explanation of the committee amendments, I believe you'll have to agree with me that the issue is not germane to the committee amendments. Mr. President, I ask that these should be ruled not germane.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, would you like to close on challenging the Chair?

SENATOR DIERKS: Very briefly, Mr. President, I still feel that the Chair is not right in this germaneness ruling. I think that we have a situation where the amendment that I have introduced talks about all issues because of the one issue, the one issue of the right to vote. I think this...with this right and the ability for these people to make that decision, it will have an effect on every section of this bill. I still think that the bill is, that the amendment is apropos. I think it is germane. I think there isn't any reason for us not to work on it and I would hope that you would...that the body would overrule the Chair and vote that the amendment is germane. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The question is, shall the Chair be overruled? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It takes 23 votes. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, let's just ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Reverse roll call vote, please.

PRESIDENT: Pardon me?

SENATOR DIERKS: Would you have a reverse roll call vote, please?