

account the special long-term, difficult to identify problems of radiation. We need to rethink ourselves. We need to make sure that we've got very good, well-thought-out liability rules for that situation. On another day we may be talking about hazardous waste or medical waste or infectious waste. There are many other avenues for that issue to be brought here besides this amendment. An interim study called by Senator Elmer might well be within his bounds as a senator and might well be in the interest of the body, but this amendment and this bill is low-level radioactive waste. This issue, and Senator Elmer's own words said, gosh, when we're in the area of liability, let's just broaden the scope. I think his very words were let's broaden the scope. That's exactly the standard, by the way, that is referred to in the germaneness standard, one which alters the introducer's purpose or scope. And with that in mind, I think Senator Elmer's words betray the intention here to broaden beyond low-level radioactive waste the study of the committee, and for that purpose I think it then becomes not germane to the purpose for which the body adopted the previously accepted amendment. So, that's my remark.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. As the body knows, the germaneness rule adopted by this body has two parts, subject matter and purpose, and it would appear to the Chair that the Elmer amendment does relate to a substantially different purpose and, therefore, is declared to be not germane. Senator Elmer.

**SENATOR ELMER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I expected this particular ruling. However, the purpose has been served to show that we have other areas of higher concern as far as our environment is concerned that face us, and I appreciate the opportunity to voice those concerns.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you, sir. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, I have nothing further to the committee amendments.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Back to a discussion of the committee amendments. I have several lights on. Senator Smith, do you care to speak to the committee amendments? Thank you. Senator Abboud. Thank you. Senator Morrissey and Senator Landis. Any other discussion? Seeing none...excuse me, Senator Schmit, any closing on the committee amendments?