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LB 289

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...if we need the amendment for sure or not, but I would ask you to consider it. I will be glad to answer any questions and hope that I can resolve any concerns that you might have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, discussion?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I will have to raise the question of germaneness. LB 289 refers to the Environmental Protection Act, the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substance Act, Storage and Handling Act, owners of tanks, protection of the environment; the State Fire Marshal has a role; owner of tanks, septic tanks; and Hazardous Petroleum Release Remedial Action Act, and I do not believe that this amendment is germane. I have discussed this with Senator Schmit and I think he is kind of leaning that way, too, but I would make an official challenge of the germaneness, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Schmit, would you like to respond?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I just...I sort of expected maybe that my good friend, Rex, would ask that and I believe it is germane because 289 does have a section which refers to the storage of ethanol in tanks and it discusses that aspect of it. But if it is permissible to the Chair, in order to save time, Mr. President, rather than debate the germaneness issue, I would move for a suspension of the rules, if that would be acceptable to Senator Haberman.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, a suspension of the rules for what purpose?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would move that we suspend the rules...the issue of germaneness.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, I believe that you were making a motion then to suspend the rules.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.