

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair, I believe, is prepared to make a ruling on the germaneness question. First of all, Senator Landis, I believe that germaneness can be challenged at any time prior to the adoption of the amendment or prior to the closure of debate. Secondly, 272A is a bill, as suggested, to appropriate funds to carry out the purposes of 272, and it does appropriate funds from the Mortgage Bankers Cash Fund to be used to regulate mortgage bankers. If I'm reading 1935 correctly, the amendment would repay certain depositors of industrial savings institutions and, therefore, according to Rule 7, Section 3 (d), I would declare it to be a nongermane amendment relating to a substantially different purpose. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would not overrule the Chair, I would move to suspend the rules to allow the consideration of the amendment, and I'd like to be introduced as the mover of that motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. We are on now the motion to suspend the rules. I have a number of lights on. I'm not sure that you want to speak to the suspension motion, but we will go through the lights. Do you want to say something at the outset, Senator Landis, or shall we proceed?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm the maker of that motion, I'm entitled to open, am I not, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, you certainly are.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'd like to do so. Members of the Legislature, actually I think this exercise is valid, it's legitimate to object to this on the germaneness basis, I understand that. I now appeal to you to separate the question of whether we are going to prevent ourselves to talk about this question from the disposition of the question itself. I wonder if we have become so jaundiced to the Commonwealth issue that this body will not understand how uncompassionate it would be to choose not to suspend the rules to allow us to have a vote on the issue. Let me ask this, let me ask a favor, if you will, from among colleagues, favors that I have granted at other times to people whose values were different from my own, to separate matters of procedure from matters of substance. In this situation, it is necessary to suspend the rules to permit this body to consider, in a brief limited window of opportunity, I've not asked for debate to be extensive. I'd be happy to have it limited to 20 minutes or less. I've not renewed my light. Those questions