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on the issue that happens to be before us. If it is one of those highly controversial subjects on which the Governor has a position, we get one decision relative to germaneness. If it is a controversial issue on which the Governor has a position but it is contrary, then we get a different ruling on germaneness, and everybody is angry, everybody is grumbling, everybody talks about the politics. The rule, as it exists now, is not a narrow rule. It is a confusing rule, and it lends itself to manipulation and different constructions that are given, not simply based on the issue that we are trying to have decided, but based on the position that various people have on that issue. If Senator Barrett really is voting against this proposition because he is comfortable with what we have before us here, it is clear he doesn't see what we have before us in the same way that I see what we have before us. If he sees what we have before us in the way that I see it, there is a place called "Bedlam" which I feel produces more that is coherent and rational than is produced under this rule. I am not comfortable with it. It is restrictive. What is being offered is too restrictive. What some people, such as Senator Moore, will do is look down the line and envision the possibility of somebody offering an amendment that he doesn't like, and he would want to be able to stop it because it is what he would call "nongermane".

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There have been issues that I strongly opposed, and somebody would challenge the offered amendment on the basis of germaneness, and I would vote in favor of the proposition being ruled germane, even though I don't like the proposition. All that that ruling does is prevents us from even considering the offered motion or amendment. It ought to be offered. We ought to have as broad a range for legislating as possible, and then let the arguments that are opposed to the idea be given, as I would have to do in those instances when I voted that I thought a thing was germane even though I was opposed to it. When we are contriving rules, then I think we ought to consider what is best for the Legislature in terms of its judgmental activities and the broadness of its power to legislate. This would make a less confusing rule than the one we have. It would allow more consistent rulings, and over a period of time, we would develop a better idea of where we are because we are talking about what germaneness is rather than what germaneness is not. I don't know exactly how I will vote