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that of the original bill to which it is proposed." And they will indicate because the amendment accomplishes something different than what is in the bill then it is not a germane amendment, and you can't make an amendment to something that makes something different. You can't have amendments anymore in the literal interpretation of that latter language, that last line in there. You really can't have any amendments. To me, that is the offensive language. That is the language that has caused us to get what I think are incredibly narrow precedence on germaneness, and that is the language that needs to go. Just as an example, Senator Moore brought up one, we are now in a position where if I raise...if I have a bill in here to spend \$230 million on state aid to education, and that bill as drafted does not contain a tax increase, I could demand a ruling that a tax increase is nongermane and have that sustained. It was sustained last session, not \$230 million but the \$100 million on the property tax relief measure. That really ties our hands as a Legislature far beyond what should be tied. We are in a situation now if the General Affairs Committee brings us a bill dealing with charitable gaming, charitable gambling, that changes the standard for lotteries and bingo, and I happen to want to think that that would be...that we ought to include pickle cards under that same standard, if somebody...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...doesn't want to do that, they can stand up and say that is not germane, that you can't include pickle cards because it wasn't in the original bill. Our current ruling on germaneness really ties our hands as a Legislature. We ought to have broader prerogatives. The question ought to be, does it deal with the issue before us? And if it doesn't deal with the issue before us, then it ought to be ruled nongermane, and I think this language we have here will allow us to do this. Senator Barrett was 100 percent correct, germaneness rulings will be still very subjective rulings, and they will be based on the feelings of the individual in the Chair, but I think by passing this narrow opening into the germaneness rule, we will be sending a little bit of a message up to the Chair that we don't want you to throw germaneness out entirely; we would like a slightly more liberal interpretation to allow us, as a Legislature, to do our job. So I would urge you to support the committee's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by