

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. It seems we have a bill here that was to allow small companies to be able to bid on state projects, if they're less than \$15,000. We have added here another thing that is requiring a million dollar bond, which I don't think is available. And I wonder, would Senator Scofield answer me a question. Would this apply to someone that's trying to set up a regional landfill, for example?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...it applies. If you need to get a license or a permit from the Department of Environmental Control, it does apply.

SENATOR ELMER: I see. I think these might be two separate subjects and that this one should have a public hearing and see what the ramifications are. I'd ask the Chair for a germaneness ruling on this, please.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. Senator Scofield, would you like to speak about the germaneness of the situation.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you, or Mr. President. I don't see any problem with germaneness on this particular issue. It is simply bonding and changing bonding requirements, and that's all it is. I think it fits completely within our germaneness standards.

PRESIDENT: In regard to the germaneness of the situation, there is...one could go either way, I suppose, and be happy with it. But they both have to do with bonding, which is the same. There is a large variance in the amount that we're talking about, they're also in different sections of the bill, 181 goes to the administrative department, and 83 goes to the state institutions. However, they both seem to deal with construction of a sort; one we think of mostly as above ground, and the other probably mostly below ground. But we're still talking about bonding. So I'm going to rule that it is germane, and you can take it from there. Were you through, Senator Elmer? Okay. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, speaking to the germaneness rule, I oppose the position of the presiding officer that it is germane. It's a totally different chapter and section of the statute. When you speak in reference to the bonding issue I just want to point out that there is a considerable difference