

SENATOR McFARLAND: Is this a germane amendment? In your consideration, is this a germane amendment?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Are you asking for a ruling?

SENATOR SMITH: Are you asking the Chair that?

SENATOR McFARLAND: I'm asking Senator Smith.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Smith, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR SMITH: Is this germane?

SENATOR McFARLAND: Yeah.

SENATOR SMITH: I don't know. I've been told it is.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator McFarland, are you finished?

SENATOR McFARLAND: No, let me just look at the section. Certainly, if it's germane, then we can just proceed. If it is nongermane then the process should be to suspend the rules I would think. I would ask for a germaneness ruling.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. Senator McFarland, after hearing the issue and the sections of law involved, I would recommend that the...neither the issue is exactly the same or is substantially the same, nor are we addressing the same sections of statutes, so that I would have to rule that the amendment is not germane.

SENATOR McFARLAND: That would be fine. I'd move to suspend the rules and suspend the germaneness rules.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator McFarland, I'm not sure your motion is in order right now. What I would... Senator McFarland, I'll stand corrected. Since you did have the floor still, since you did have the floor still I would rule that your motion is in order and if your motion is to suspend the rules for...

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you, Senator Hannibal. Won't it be nice when we're out of this place next year and not so much confusion? I will move to suspend the germaneness rule to allow