

offered to the committee...to the bill itself but not to the committee amendments. This deals with the appropriations process. It is an addition to the committee amendments. It does not deal with any of the language that currently exist within the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Yes, you may respond, Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. There are...the committee amendments are fairly extensive, if you take a look at them. There at least nine different sections to them. They talk extensively about how the regents are elected, political party affiliation, about nonvoting to voting student members and talk about how the board of trustees are vested with the authority of the general governance. I think one thing that strikes me about the committee amendments is that it talks about the power of the Board of Regents and talks about how they I think can issue revenue bonds. I think the general thrust of the entire committee amendments is talking about the authority and duties of the, not only the Board of Regents, but the boards of trustees themselves. This, in effect, is an amendment that speaks with regard to what would be the authority of the Board of Regents and would vest them with the power of distributing the particular funds that are appropriated by the Legislature and for that reason I think they're germane.

PRESIDENT: I am going to rule that it is not germane to this portion of the bill. I can see the power business but this goes into appropriating funds and I don't see that this part of the bill goes to that so I will rule that it is not germane, Senator McFarland. You have the right to challenge that, Senator McFarland, if you so desire at this time.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Well, why don't we just challenge that, Mr. President, since you suggested it.

PRESIDENT: I would rather you didn't but if you wish, it's okay. Okay, the Chair has been challenged. Senator Crosby, did you wish to speak on that? Senator Withem, on the challenging of the Chair.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would, and part of me says just not to bother with this but there is, as everybody that understands our rules knows, there is an advantage to offering an amendment to the Standing Committee amendments on General File because they