

enough to doom the fate of that constitutional amendment when people take a look at it, especially those people who are going to be necessary to garner the support for it that tend to come from the urban areas. And, I guess, it's just one additional step with regard to the germaneness ruling and I appreciate this is not directed at the President, because that is clearly a judgment call and I appreciate that. But it falls in line with regard to what I consider to be a bad public policy provision that goes backwards in terms of our taxing system as we laid it out over the last 40 years and then goes about reducing the base even farther in the area that amounts to the most dynamic revenue raiser and that being sales tax in this provision. I respectfully move to overrule the Chair and would urge you to do the same.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. I will now recognize senators who wish to speak to this challenge. I would remind the senators that they may speak only once on this. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, I rise to urge you to not overrule the Chair. I think that this is clearly germane. I did a...you know, I looked at this issue last night. I came back to work last night and looked at this issue and I think by...because of the method that this is tied back to the refunds through the personal property tax revisions that are in the bill, I think that this is clearly germane to the issue that we're discussing here. We are discussing the personal property tax issue. This ties in very well with that issue because it's tied back with the refund provisions that you can receive...you have to file your personal property tax before you can receive the refund. So I think it ties back very, very well and I think that it is clearly a germane piece to the amendment and I think even standing alone it is germane to this issue that we are discussing right now. With that, I would urge you to not overrule the Chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway, do you wish to speak to this? Senator Kristensen. Senator Lynch. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Hall in overruling the Chair. Our rules say nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject. I don't believe that the sales tax or sales tax refund is mentioned in 1063, therefore, it's