

wish to speak to this motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Hall?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, I do, Madam President, thank you very much. The issue before us is one of question of germaneness. The amendment before us is a sales tax amendment to a property tax bill, plain and simple. That's what it is. The arguments used by Senators Beutler and Withem in that order is when you rationalize them and think them out it says that it is okay to do indirectly what one could not do under our rules directly, and that's exactly what it is. That's exactly the thought process that they went through in order to come up with that analysis of this process. Clearly, to argue germaneness on the entirety of Senator Warner's amendment would be fruitless, but to break it down which clearly is done under the rules and then to argue the specific points in each of it as they relate, and they're not minute little points, they are huge portions of a bill. One deals with penalty provisions. One deals with sales tax exemptions for farm machinery. The third one deals for replacement revenue yet to come, huge portions of a big amendment. They're not minute little issues. But if you follow the logic that Senator Beutler and Withem lay out, they argue that under our rules we ought to be able to do indirectly what our rules prohibit us from doing directly. That's exactly what their argument is when you stretch it out to its rational end. That's all it is, that we shouldn't...if the amendment as a whole, no matter how many parts it has that aren't germane to the natural, logical order of the bill, the subject matter before us as the rule states, that it's okay, so go ahead and lump as much garbage in there as you can. In other words, an amendment to say that we could write off the sales tax paid on fuel used in those depreciable farm machines is okay and is germane to this bill, all of a sudden using that lineage approach that has been argued. But what we have here right now is a process that our rules allow us to do, that's being done under the rules and I guess what I would argue is that the rules themselves are being overlooked because this amendment is not germane. It deals with sales tax. This is a property tax issue. It was not germane yesterday. All of a sudden it is germane today. Beats me, but I'll tell you what, folks, it clearly is not germane, and if you're going to set precedent and say that if this is precedent setting measures in terms of how we deal with this, what we're doing is saying that the precedent is go ahead and indirectly get around the rules that prohibit you from doing something directly because that's exactly what