

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We must use our assets, use them wisely and use them to get as many of the programs as we can. That is the nature of the bill before us. I thank the Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Warner, followed by Senators Crosby, Kristensen and Ashford. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, I'd raise the issue of germaneness to this bill under Rule 7, Section 3, subsection (d), a nongermane amendment includes one that relates to substantially a different subject. Obviously this bill relates to a single subject which is wards of the court. The proposed amendment deals with the distribution of sales and income tax and I believe is not germane.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Madam Chair, I think the arguments have been made before on requests of germaneness is merely a macro view versus a micro view. The argument I have would be on the macro level. We're dealing with tax monies going directly to school districts for a particular purpose. My amendment will be dealing with tax monies going to school districts for a particular purpose. I would live with whatever the Chair says with the understanding that if it was not germane I certainly would move to override that decision at this point. I think in legal terms, my argument would be characterized as point of specious and will simply go at that point.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I have to rule that your amendment is not germane.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I anticipated that, Madam Chair, and I am going to obviously, as you anticipate, move to override that decision.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I will remind the senators that this is debatable, this motion is debatable, but only once by each senator. Those who wish to speak to the motion to overrule the Chair, Senator Crosby. Senator Ashford. Senator Rasmussen. Oh, Senator Ashford,