

simply read the rule, understand the rule. This amendment certainly is not germane and in, I guess, with the exception of the very macro sense, I guess you'd argue it is an end, but it certainly isn't and I urge the body to not overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Moore, you took some of my arguments away so I think what I'll do is amplify some of the arguments that you brought up. You know, members of the body, it's really interesting. When I first came to the body five years ago there was a big discussion that year and every year since I've been, and I'm sure every year after this year about the germaneness law, the germaneness rule. And when I first came in five years ago we had a very strict interpretation of the germaneness rule and the body said that is not correct, because it limits our ability to do things, it's way too strict, we need to broaden it out, and we have broadened it out. If you go back and look at the bills that we've had last year and this year on the amendments that we have asked germaneness on, many, many, many amendments have been what everyone would call marginal, marginal, but there was a will to do it and it was done. I don't fault Senator Warner to trying to go the strict interpretation. That is exactly what I would do in his position, exactly what I would do in his position. But I want the body to at least to attack it fairly. I have no doubt whatsoever in my mind that if the proponents of 1063, of which I was one, and Senator Moore brought up the conversation, not I, but if it would have been deemed strategically best to their advantage to put 1063 as an amendment to 1120, in other words substituting deleting the language in 1120 and inserting 1063, you can mark my words, member of the body, that would have been done because strategically it was something there was a will and a desire to do. As it turned out it was strategically decided to let 1120 falter on its own effect. Senator Hall tried to circumvent that a little bit and he himself offered it as an amendment and of which the supporters of 1063 said, no, not because it wasn't germane or was germane, because strategically they wanted 1120 to languish a tad bit, show that it couldn't support and then it would move. That was the game that was being played, a parliamentary game. We in this body when there is a desire to do something and we know it's the only chance, we will determine what is germane here and it's not based necessarily on strict interpretation, it's our desire to