

because I am not in opposition to what is offered. But as a matter of precedent, in view of yesterday, I am going to ask for a germaneness ruling. In my opinion, clearly there are items that are certainly not germane and it may even go further than that, but looking at the process, I would like to be supportive of following the process of suspension of the rule relative to germaneness in the event that the Chair rules that the amendment in total is not germane.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, would you like to respond to germaneness?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I do believe the amendment is germane. The various provisions all deal with Health Department related matters, and more in the case of one element the hospitals, which comes under the review of the Health Department. We have an open records provision in the bill. This deals with open meetings, and we also have some housing provisions in the bill, that there is an Housing Authority amendment. If Senator Warner would feel more comfortable, I'd go ahead and move to suspend the rule, the germaneness rule, and go ahead and just do that, yeah, if it'd simplify it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, I would prefer that avenue.

SENATOR WESELY: That would be fine. I would move to suspend the rules, then, to take up the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: We have a motion to suspend the germaneness rule, and I have a series of...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, this is solely for clarification. Senator Warner, you had indicated that this issue might come up again today, so are you talking about this suspension just for this purpose or for the rest of the day?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chambers, it is a matter of precedent for other bills that may come along in which the germaneness issue would be inappropriate to raise, and I'd just soon start that process now. I am in support of suspending the rule to take these up, but I think that is the process we ought to follow.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is the question I mean, this motion to suspend would apply just to this bill?