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might not be.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Withem's arguments were so powerful even though he mentioned he might vote against... vote the other way, but he wanted to state the arguments, that I wanted to rise and state why I will be opposing this particular amendment. It's based basically on logic. What's true of the part is not necessarily true of the whole, and what's true of the whole certainly is not true of the parts. If, for example, you have an amendment that the Chair has to rule whether it's germane or not, it's never, in most cases, as simple as looking at the whole item and saying, yes, this is germane, or, yes, this is not germane. In most cases, it's going to be very... it's going to be a close call. There may, in fact, when you look at an entire amendment 80 percent of it may, in fact, be germane; 20 percent of it may not be germane. So, consequently, when you look at the whole, the Chair may, in fact, read or interpret that since 80 percent of it seems to be germane, 20 percent is marginal, probably not, I'm going to rule the amendment is germane. That's taking it as a whole. Then we, as a body, sometimes will divide the question so we take it into its sum, parts and that's when you can get at that 20 percent that's not germane and be able to argue it's germaneness and have it removed. What's true of the whole is not necessarily true of the part. And the same token in reverse, if you have series of parts that have to be by themselves independently on their own, they must also be germane. That's why I will oppose the rule. I also agree with Senator Chambers at times when it's amendments I have, I would very much like to have a broadened germaneness rule. If it's a bill that I have, that I have that other people are trying to amend, I like a real tight germaneness rule. So it doesn't make any difference what we do here except that it does set the policy and in this particular case I think the proper policy is to not support this rule change.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk, there's an amendment.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend amendment number 13.