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application of the germaneness rule, but it would give you and whoever is in the chair a rule to argue and wrangle about when a question of germaneness comes up. Senator Hall had indicated that a committee amendment could run into difficulty under this rule. What difference does that make? Why should an amendment offered by a committee have a higher status than an amendment offered by an individual member? There are some committees notoriously under control of special interest groups. Let's take, with all due respect to the Chairman of that committee, and I respect Senator Landis a great deal, the bankers and the insurance industry have a whole lot of control over the various members of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so they may decide that they want that committee to lump a lot of bills together and offer them as a committee amendment. That should be open and subject to attack when it comes on the floor. Under Senator Withem's amendment, such a thing is possible. What Senator Withem's amendment does, in my opinion, in disregard of everything else that I have said, would lead to much more meticulous, careful and precise legislating than the proposed rule change without his amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The Chair recognizes Senator Hall to speak to the Withem amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, and members, again I rise in opposition to Senator Withem's amendment. And, Senator Chambers, to a certain extent, you may be right. There are certain committees, maybe most of them, that shouldn't be given any deference or opportunity to bring out committee amendments that are constantly germane to the bill, no matter what the content. I would argue though that if you adopt Senator Withem's amendment that that is not necessarily true. If Senator Withem says that it's basically folklore, that that's the case, then I would argue the amendment that we're offering right now, that we're debating, would then change what has been the historical way the committee amendments have been dealt with. And, if not, if there is an amendment or a rule out there that states otherwise, I would argue then that you have two conflicting rules on the books and what will happen is the Chair will be asked, I'm sure, on at least one occasion this session to decide which of those rules applies because if this rule is adopted, it clearly will say that it is subject to a germaneness