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that would lead to the most liberal application of the germaneness rule. But the main thing I wanted to say, it would be better to have some rule than no rule, and had the original version been adopted, we would not have had multiple challenges based on germaneness of individual components because all of the challenges would have been out of order.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Again, I rise in opposition to the amendment and it will be the last time, I think. Senator Withem argues that I argue by using hypotheticals and all the dangers that lie ahead, and then he proceeds to use the same technique and says that somehow if we leave the rule the way it is that we are going to be subject to the early a.m. diet habit of the Chair for purposes of germaneness ruling. That, frankly, is not something that scares me. I am not worried at all that the Chair will have a healthy breakfast, no breakfast, eat chocolate and caffeine, for all that matter, and I think what they will do is look at the amendment, as they have in the past, and use precedent. The one thing that doesn't happen in this body is that we don't move off of precedent very easily. If the decision in the past, after that first germaneness question is raised and answered by this body, for the most part we rarely deter from that in the future. So it is not some hypothetical problem out there that could cause more problems than not. This rule has been in its present form for a number of years. It is only now that we bring in a rules change and, frankly, we changed it here on the floor. We amended what came out of the Rules Committee with Senator Withem's amendment, and have turned that suggested change on its head. I believe that it will prove to be another delaying tactic for some. It has the potential for that. I think to have adopted the Withem amendment was a mistake. I believe that what we should do now, at this point, is reject the amendment as it has been amended and move on to the next rule change. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. If there are no further speakers, Senator Bromm, do you wish to close? Senator Bromm. No closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the proposed rule change, number 13, as amended. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.