

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I'll be very brief. I don't know of any opposition to this amendment. This has been in the clean-up bills. We have to do this almost every year, and sometimes it's every other year, because the schedules that are developed by the federal government on controlled substances have to be adjusted under state law, we don't automatically make the adjustment, we do it through the clean-up bill, we have over the years, that's what this bill does. There's some additional changes reflecting federal regulations dealing with faxes. This is the way we've handled it in the past and there hasn't been any problem at any point we've done it before. I would like to ask for an overruling of the Chair and allowing us to go forward with this issue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm not necessarily opposed to the bill, I'm just opposed to the process at this point. We're not at a panic stage where in the first year we start putting all amendments. And I might point out that this bill didn't even go to the Health Committee, it went to the Judiciary Committee and for good reasons, that's where it should have been dealt with. The only thing it has in common with anything that we're talking about is I think some of the areas are under the Department of Health and that would be it for the most part. If this is going to be something that this bill, 404, is something that we absolutely have to do, there could have been a prioritization of it, there was not. If this bill is really important and we're going to have to do it, the Speaker might be able to put it...special order it at a particular time. If there's no opposition and everyone is supportive, the Speaker said there's going to be a consent calendar coming up. There are many, many places for us to...the process for these bills to be taken care of, this isn't the last time nor the last place it can be done. I don't want to just get started in the process now of starting to Christmas tree every other bill that we have and start calling it germane and trying to move through...move forward. There is a time when this will happen more and more, particularly next session when that's the end of the session, the end of the time period all bills die, we have to...we're all a little bit more careful. But right now we don't...we can be consistent on a germaneness rule. This is not germane, this is not the death of this bill, there's consent calendar coming up on tomorrow, if I remember