

a very broad interpretation of the germaneness rule would indicate that both of these measures, the underlying bill and the amendment, deals with money available to subdivisions for purposes of spending, but I don't think our rule is intended to have that broad an interpretation of germaneness. I believe that the underlying bill talks about budget limitations on local subdivisions of government. The amendment before us talks about the ability of the Department of Revenue to withhold a portion of the collection fee of local governments. For that reason, it is my sense that the amendment is not germane. Senator Robak, for what purpose?

SENATOR ROBAK: I...I would like to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. Senator Robak has made a motion, as I understand it, to overrule the decision of the Chair as it relates to the germaneness of her amendment. Our rules allow this is a debatable motion. Senator Robak, I would introduce you to open on your motion to overrule to give an explanation...

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank...

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...as to the germaneness of the amendment and that it is debatable. Each member would have the ability to speak one time and one time only. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe this is germane because it is a revenue taxation bill and it's in the same section of law and it...it...therefore, I think it's germane simply because it is a revenue taxation.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator McKenzie to speak on the question of germaneness. Senator Bernard-Stevens to speak on the question of germaneness.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise to support the Chair's decision and to oppose the motion to overrule the Chair. It's kind of one of those things where if it's talked about in a book it might be germane and Senator Robak is, I understand, I've used the argument before and traditionally when I've used the argument, Senator Robak, I've lost badly on that same argument. It may have the...be in the same chapter, but it certainly is not in the same section and what we're dealing with on LB 613 certainly are lids on political subdivisions, lids on schools, what the percentage of