

statute of repose. I'm willing to end the debate on the statute of repose with this proposal and I think we've addressed the policy, public policy arguments why we need a change in our statute of repose and I'm willing to provide an opportunity for us to end the debate on this issue by providing for the limit that was provided for by the Senate and which I believe will be eventually adopted by the Congress and enacted into law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen, your light is next.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Madam President, before I speak I want to raise a point of order to the germaneness. I would ask that this amendment be ruled not germane because there's nothing in the bill that would relate to this. We've stricken out the original part of the committee amendment that this would have been germane to and there's nothing left for this to be germane. The statute of repose sets another section of statute and I'd ask for a ruling that this is not a germane amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Madam President, I believe it provides to deal with the repose issue in Section 16 of the bill, so it doesn't provide for the 40 years, but provides for a similar type of statutory language so I feel it is germane.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud, Senator Kristensen, I rule that the amendment is not germane. There has been a motion to overrule the Chair. Senator Hall, you may speak.

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, members, and I don't believe that we have dealt with this issue in relation to our new rule with regard to an amendment that has been stripped from a bill and then reoffered in another form. I think this is a first blush, if you will, with regard to this issue. And what it does, if we uphold the Chair, what we will do and listen, ladies and gentlemen, because this will happen. It means as far as I'm concerned and I believe that you have to consider the rule, that no motion to reconsider a vote on an amendment that has been stripped from a bill would ever be germane. In other words, if an amendment just like the one that was proposed and passed by Senator Kristensen is stripped from a bill, a motion to reconsider the vote on that could be ruled out of order because it would not be germane. It would no longer have anything in