

for a question of germaneness on this issue?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Interrupting me when I am involved in discussion up here.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I apologize to you and to Senator Maurstad.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I believe...the last amendment dealt with one portion of the tax code versus another portion of the tax code. This one deals with a Campaign Finance Limitation Fund, dealing with a taxation matter. I think it is clearly not germane and would so rule. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Ordinarily we get an opportunity to state why we think it is germane, is this something...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Quite frankly, that is a custom when the Chair is in doubt, the Chair will call on individuals to give some information. I was somewhat in doubt last time. This time I am not in doubt.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would ask for an overruling of the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, you may proceed.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I am frankly shocked that this is so clear in your mind with regard to the nongermaneness because under all previous ways of traditions in establishing our germaneness rule, we certainly have ruled as germane any amendment that amended the very same section of statutes. This amends the very same section of statutes. What this amendment does is to go through 77-2734.14, the very statute we are on, and delays it for a year. Incidental to that, it then takes the money and puts it in the Campaign Finance Reform Act, but it is clearly germane. I mean, my gosh, if you can't structure something, an alternative use of funds as part of the same bill, then that is such a narrow drawing of germaneness that we are going to get ourselves in trouble lots and lots of times. Certainly, if I had just suggested to you that it be delayed for a year, nobody would have doubted that that was germane, would you? There could be no question whatsoever about that, and that's all I am doing here is suggesting a delay for a year, and then in addition, a suggestion as to what should be done with