

the funds. Now lots and lots of times we deal with bills where we make alternative suggestions about what should be done with funds. It is clearly related to the same matter. I am talking about the same money that we are intending to give away here to a handful of companies. Which is fine, we have good reason to do it, but there are also alternatives built upon that structure. This, in my mind, is clearly an erroneous ruling on germaneness, clearly. If you don't want to vote for the amendment, that's fine, but don't cut it off because of germaneness. That doesn't make any sense whatsoever to me. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body is overriding the Chair. Let me go through the list and at this point see which individuals would like to speak to the issue of overriding the Chair on the issue of germaneness. Senator Abboud. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I, although the Chair ruled against me on the germaneness issue on my amendment, the Chair was right. I hoped and prayed that he might look the other way, but he was correct that that probably was not germane, but I must say I disagree with the Chair on this decision, even though it isn't my amendment. Senator Beutler is simply taking a bill, and it has a loss of revenue, and is delaying that loss of revenue, and then redirecting that revenue into something that is appropriate in my view, Campaign Finance Limitation Cash Fund. I am absolutely convinced that this is germane, and as he said, whether you agree or disagree with the amendment, to not allow an amendment of this sort to come forward in the Legislature would severely restrict our ability to deal with issues. It directly ties into the issue before us, so I agree that the amendment I offered was not germane, but I have to say that this one appears clearly to me to be germane, so I'd ask for your support to overrule the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek. Let me go, excuse me, let me go through and poll people on the issue as to whether...finish that task. Senator Schimek, are you going to speak on the germaneness issue? Senator Hall, will you be speaking on the germaneness issue? Senator Beutler, will you...you've already spoken on the germaneness issue. Senator Chambers, on the germaneness issue, are you...will you be speaking, will you be speaking on the germaneness issue? Senator Brashear, will you