

be speaking on the germaneness issue? Senator Warner, will you be speaking...it looks like everybody is going to be speaking on the germaneness issue other than Senator Abboud. Senator Schimek, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of overruling the Chair. You know, this...this is...this amendment is not about establishing any new intent language or establishing any new authority to do something. It is more just the transfer of money, and I think it is an entirely appropriate item for us to discuss, and I agree with the former speakers. I did want to take this opportunity also to say that I will support the amendment, if we get to discuss it, because as I have felt and said all along, I do believe that if we...if we pass intent language to do something, that it behooves us then to fund it properly. And I felt the same way on motor voter as I feel about this. You have to fund what you say you're going to do. If we don't do this, then we run the risk of having candidates who will be sitting out there abiding by the new rules and regulations, and they will not be able to receive the funding when their opponents do not abide. So I think it just missed...it's not...it's almost an ethical thing that we have to do something to fund this and keep our promise that we've set out in law as to what we're going to do. And with that, I would just urge your support of overruling the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall, on the germaneness issue.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the motion to overrule the Chair. I concur with the comments of Senator Beutler that the amendment clearly addresses the heart of the legislation before us, that being 559, with regard to the implementation date, delaying it. It then merely, subsequent to that, although it is a substantive issue, addresses where that money which will continue to be paid in will flow. So it would be no different, I guess, than an amendment that said we're delaying the implementation date but we are going to allow it to flow into the General Fund. Rather than do that, what this does is it sets out a specific use or purpose for that revenue. I believe it is germane. I would request the body respectfully move to overrule the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.