

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd rise to support the decision of the Chair. From my viewpoint, the, and Senator Chambers made some reference where we come down on different sides as far as conclusions, but I think if we add an appropriation as it is in the amendment, I didn't realize that it was that at first when it was handed out, I thought it was just a delay of the date, but then I think you open the possibility much greater of the two subject matter issue in a bill, which is a germaneness issue but it is also, obviously, a constitutional issue. The reason I say that, at least in the past, most...every Attorney General's opinion that I'm aware of, that, and there may be some I am not, obviously, but have allowed us to put an appropriation into a bill if the appropriation was related to the substantive provisions of the bill, and I would doubt that changing the tax of corporate, multistate corporations, could be deemed to be...and an appropriation going to the campaign fund, I doubt that those two could be declared to be some relationship as...or that the appropriation had some relationship to the substantial portion of the appropriation, and for those reasons I would be very much opposed to putting this amendment into the bill, even if I favored it, the amendment, for the simple reason I think you're opening up a big likelihood, and I suspect a very big likelihood of a lawsuit, for the simple reason that you would have people who do not like the Campaign Reform Act to start with, who would be very willing to file a suit to attempt to throw out the provisions, but in that process you might lose them both. Had the simple delay been done, and then the appropriation would have been a part of the campaign reform bill that's still on Select File, obviously, that would be no problem, but I think there is a serious question here of adding an appropriation, which has no relationship to the substantive portion of the bill, I think that probably, if anything, would qualify as to subject matters and, therefore, be unconstitutional, I think that is likely, and I would support the Chair's ruling as being consistent and certainly well-thought-out as far as any possible constitutional issue.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to support the Chair, and I will yield the rest of my time, if I may, to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.