

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, I don't have much to say and I don't think we should extend this debate very long. But whatever the situation may be with regard to constitutionality, I think that is a separate argument, separate and apart from germaneness. The germaneness arguments have to go to the rule, itself, and to past interpretations of the rule. And I am not aware of any other ruling ever on germaneness in the last decade where a situation where you were amending the exact same section of statutes was determined to be nongermane. It just I don't think...I challenge anybody in here to bring me an example of where that occurred. It has not occurred, and I just want you to recognize that you are setting a different precedent, and if you want to set this precedent, fine, but I, for one, will certainly remember it, and certainly seek to apply it in ever other situation where there is any little tidbit beyond the material in the statute. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: On the issue of germaneness, Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Vrtiska and Preister.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, I ask to call the question please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor...excuse me, do I see five hands? I do. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The debate is now ceased. Senator Beutler, to close. I don't see Senator Beut...Senator Beutler, are you going to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, Mr. Speaker, just to ask the body to think carefully about the precedent and the proper order of the arguments, and what they want to live with in the future with regard to the germaneness rule. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body is, shall the Chair be overruled? Those in favor of overruling the Chair vote yes, those wishing to sustain the ruling of the Chair in ruling that the Beutler amendment was not germane would vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.