

Chambers, you are recognized on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it's obvious that you and I have a difference of opinion on this so rather than argue a great deal, since I have the opportunity to close, I will not take my full five minutes but I will tell you all this. If this is ruled germane then we're not going to get beyond this division because I'm having a copy of my attempt to abolish the death penalty drafted to this so it can be added since we're dealing with punishments and penalties. And we're going...I'm going to offer additional amendments and if we argue every single one of them on a point of order then I don't mind doing that because you all play right into my hands. You assist me in talking this item to death. I don't like the amendment that Senator Maurstad is offering but that's not the main reason I'm objecting. Ordinarily, I take a broad view of the germaneness rule but, in this instance, we have an amendment which has been divided out and the particular item of the amendment is not one that I think is closely enough associated with what Senator Maurstad is trying to do. He is trying to create a new offense. An offense unknown to the law is what he is trying to create. When I offer my bill, well, it's a bill but it will be an amendment to abolish the death penalty I will at least be dealing with something that already exists and is recognized in the law. So however you decide to vote to uphold the Chair or overrule the Chair is all one to me, but I want you to be aware, at this relatively early stage in our discussion, I am not the one who will put us on the course of discussing side issues and extraneous matters. Senator Beutler and I, being concerned about good time, wanted to make sure that the amendment that we would draft ties specifically into an item being amended by Senator Lindsay's amendment. But now I will see what the rest of the discussion is and determine what I should say when closing time comes.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are a number of lights that were on prior to the Maurstad amendment and I'm going to ask folks if they are interested in discussing the motion to overrule the Chair. Senator Lindsay. If you would just acknowledge, I'm going to run through the list. Senator Schellpeper, are you going to speak to the motion? Thank you. Senator Brown. Doesn't...yes. Senator Beutler, yes. Senator Will, yes. Senator Wesely. Thank you. Senator Maurstad, yes. Senator Chambers, yes. Senator Avery, no. Thank you. Senator Lindsay.