

SENATOR WARNER: Briefly then, Mr. President, I would rise to support the overriding of the Chair and to keep the narrow interpretation and mostly I wanted to say that, from my viewpoint, the reason the amendment was not germane this morning didn't have anything to do with the section, it was the simple fact that you cannot, in my opinion, based on an Attorney General's Opinion, put an appropriation into a bill that has substantive language unless that appropriation relates to the substantive language which this morning it did not. And that was the proper ruling by the Chair, so it's another issue, but in this one I support the narrower interpretation and I would vote to override the Chair.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, maybe it would be good to go on and let this thing get on because the Supreme Court has said that the Constitution requires that these matters be given a public hearing. This particular thing has not had a public hearing. I'm just giving you all some additional things to think about. Senator Schellpeper made that point. It's not the main one that I would argue. What I'm looking at now is our process. Going to cloture does not intimidate me at all. In fact, that's probably what will happen anyway, as Senator Pirsch pointed out. But, remember, if the Chair is overruled and if this bad nongermane amendment is added to this particular segment, then Senator Beutler and I don't have to wait anymore for a particular part of the divided question that relates to what we want to amend in the bill. We can just amend it onto this second division, and you will see, from my amendment to abolish the death penalty, that it specifically mentions Section 28-1206, just as Senator Maurstad's does. So since it mentions that and other sections that pertain to this bill, I think it should be deemed germane also. So I will see how this plays out. But, remember, if Senator Maurstad succeeds...first of all, the Chair would have to be sustained. If the Chair is sustained and if Senator Maurstad succeeds in adding his provision to this divided Section 2, at that point it will no longer be an amendment to an amendment. It then becomes subject to dividing and each of those divisions can be amended. But, before dividing it, if the vote is close enough, a reconsideration motion is in order. So we're going to have an opportunity to spend a lot of time on