

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And Senator Hall, on the motion to overrule.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the rules are ours and we ask the Chair to interpret them. At this point, at this time, this is the same thing as a rule suspension and we should treat this germaneness vote as if it was a rule suspension, and saying to ourselves, after having done this for nine and a half hours, this being the appropriate way to break the logjam to vote to overrule the Chair is essentially our decision to take action as a group. I intend to vote to overrule the Chair. Even though I think the Chair made a fair argument, it is my way to get to the underlying issue in the same way that a motion to suspend the rules would have done, and for that reason I'll be supporting the motion to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I can understand why Senator Landis would do this, it will ensure that his bill is passed. So nobody can fault him for that. But if you agree that merely saying that you're going to change the operative date on an amendment or a bill and, therefore, you can add any number of other things that you want to it, all I'm going to say is that I learn very quickly, I'm a quick study, we'll deal with one bill tomorrow, one bill, whatever bill it is, one bill tomorrow. Maybe it won't be on Final Reading, maybe it will. Let me see what else we'll be doing or attempting to do. So you can decide how important this crime bill is to you. Now we can always vote to extend the session, but in the same way that I've done it tonight, I will do it every day for the rest of the session. And if you think I won't, hark back to the abortion bills where it was virtually me all day, from morning until midnight, and said that's what I would do and I promise you that I will do it. LB 258...LR...oh, we don't have tomorrow's agenda here but I think I saw it someplace where there will be some Final Reading. If those bills are important enough, perhaps we will do Final Reading,