

always, we all fall to be inconsistent on occasion, but I have always felt that the time will come when you need to get something done. You need to have a very broad interpretation of germaneness. Earlier today, Senator Maurstad tried to get something done. Senator Beutler tried to get something done. The body decided not to allow those amendments to come forward. If we are consistent, and I know that consistency is what we strive for or achieve very often here, but if we are consistent as a body, we should not overrule the Chair because they have ruled as this body seems to have wanted to earlier in the day. But because people want to break through and do the amendment, we'll once again ignore the pattern and do what we feel we want to. But I think we need to, when we make decisions, understand that there are consequences. When we don't like amendments, we want to block them and use germaneness, the time will come when you want an amendment and you wish you had a broader interpretation and I think that's why I've always felt a broad interpretation in germaneness allows us the flexibility at times like this to take action. Though I have some reluctance on the amendment, I'm going to vote to overrule the Chair to allow the chance to act on the issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I would call the question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease on the motion to overrule the Chair? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Debate is ceased. Mr. Clerk, maybe we ought to have a record and then an announcement.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 4 nays.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read the record vote. See page 2556 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Lindsay, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I would simply urge you to vote to overrule the Chair. I think it's a vote in favor, I guess, of a broad interpretation of the