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germane to the bill. And I don't understand why we have to overrule the Chair, but that's possibly something that I should look into, in the future, because certainly it is germane to the bill, and I don't know why we have to have 30 votes as opposed to 25. What we're doing here is a vote to overrule the Chair would mean that...a vote to overrule the Chair would mean that we are supporting those people who are often left out of the mainstream society, because they don't look different at a glance and because our media portrays them in such negative, dangerous ways. General society often makes the mistake of thinking that they are malingering or making up excuses not to work. Nothing could be farther from the truth. They are currently forced to spend 10 to 15 percent of their meager incomes on property taxes. They try to keep up small, modest homes in very creative ways, while fearing that someone will complain because they obviously cannot maintain the standards that their neighbors do, because their neighbors are paying proportionately less property taxes than they do. And therefore, I think that raising the income guidelines strikes me as a fair and equitable thing to do as how much the cost of maintaining a home is increasing. A vote not to overrule the Chair, of course, is...would be exactly the opposite. I hope that the body would vote to overrule the Chair. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Robak. There appears to be some confusion. The ruling of the Chair was on a point of order, by Senator Wickersham, as to the amount of votes required to adopt the amendment. It is not a germaneness objection. The rule is that, if a bill has been indefinitely postponed, it requires 30 votes to be adopted, as opposed to the 25. So the question before the body is, shall the Chair be overruled? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted who care to? There's been a request for a record vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1384.)  
13 ayes, 18 nays on the motion to overrule the Chair,  
Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The Chair is not overruled. We return to debate on adoption of the amendment. Senator Chambers.