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LB 249

Senator Foley is Senator Stuhr's friend, he ought to pull his amendment, let her bill go. Then, if he can persuade her to accept all this stuff, then bring it back. But it's her bill. Much work was done on it by many people. So I'm going to watch and see what happens, but for my part, Mr. President, I am withdrawing my amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I guess, getting back to some of the discussion that's been going on, I'd like to ask for a ruling on germaneness.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, would you state the reasons why you think it is not germane? Then we'll let Senator Foley answer.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I believe that it is a section of law that's near the section, I guess if you call education rules broad enough, but this is really from a different part of the law than school fees and the issues of Senator Stuhr's bill and, therefore, I don't think it's appropriate as an amendment to her bill. It's a different section.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Foley, would you like to state why you think it is? The germaneness issue has been brought up. Senator Thompson has stated why she thinks it is not. You have the opportunity to say why you think it is, if you care to.

SENATOR FOLEY: The underlying bill, LB 249, relates to rules and regulations applicable to school districts. That's precisely what this amendment is all about. It's all about the kinds of rent mandates and so forth that we place on school districts. It's absolutely germane. It's perfectly relevant in light of the way that we do business here. It's perfectly consistent with the way that we process all other amendments in this body. I'm, quite frankly, surprised that there would be a germaneness question. In my mind, it's absolutely germane to the bill. Thank you.