

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Moore, do you care to speak to the issue of germaneness?

SENATOR MOORE: To the bill.

SENATOR HALL: To the bill. Thank you. Senator Abboud, would you care to speak to...waives off. Senator Hohenstein, on the issue of germaneness. Senator Hohenstein, would you care to speak? I'm sorry. Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, Mr. President, I support the Chair's ruling on germaneness. Again, it would be one thing to deal with this under different circumstances, but at this hour and this position I think the germaneness ruling is correct and I would rise in support of the Chair's ruling that this is not germane. I think it would be inappropriate now to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Pedersen. Senator Pedersen, do you care to speak to the motion to overrule? Senator Fisher, do you care to be recognized?

SENATOR FISHER: I'll withdraw my motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR HALL: So moved. It's withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to suspend the germaneness rule so as to permit consideration of AM2511.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Withem, to open on your motion.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I...just it struck me that this amendment was...was not germane and the whole question of what our Clerk called it, germanity, one day. Germanity on these measures is one that we kind of fumble along and feel our way through. I think it's important that we have a...I'm not a...quite a Senator Beutler, obviously, stickler for very strict germaneness, but I do think there need to be some standards. So I raise the issue. I think it's appropriate for Senator Fisher to bring this amendment forward. I will listen to the arguments and may end up supporting it, but I think the proper method of doing this, as Senator Landis has indicated, would be to over...to suspend the rule as it relates to germaneness. So I'm offering the amendment to do that and would urge you to give