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that, you might as well strike the committee. Now I can't think of anything more germane to a bill than an amendment which strikes the duties and strikes the committee. It is truly a germane amendment. If you don't like the amendment, you can vote against the amendment but the amendment happens to be germane. Incidentally, in terms of wasting time, don't worry about it so much because there were 12 amendments on this bill that were reduced to a total of 2 amendments. The first is passed and this is the second amendment. So I would hope that you would at least overrule the Chair and we will have a clean slate in terms of germaneness rulings and then we will go ahead and deal with the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: I am just calling the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called. There is five hands. All those wishing to cease debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, debate is ceased. My ruling was based on Rule 7 on subsection (d). "No motion, proposition, or subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under the cover of an amendment. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order. Germane amendments relate only to detailed and specific subject of the bill and must be in natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject or accomplishes a substantially different purpose than that of the original bill." And that is why I ruled it germane. Now, shall the Chair be overruled? If you want to overrule the Chair vote green. 52, I think. 23. Shall the Chair be overruled? If you want to overrule the Chair vote