

we have the issue of germaneness used as a tactic to prevent discussion of a subject, then I am doubly opposed to that interpretation of the rule. So for those who are listening, think about the short amount of time we have left in this session. I don't make...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...challenges based on germaneness, but if the body agrees to uphold the Chair on this one, and I don't like the amendment, because of the circumstances created and the situation before us, I will have to seriously consider challenging every amendment to every amendment or bill on the basis of germaneness and carrying us through this same discussion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the ruling of the Chair, and urge the members of the Legislature to support that ruling. Having listened, yes, to the arguments that have been made in favor of overruling, I'd like to point out there are several aspects here. If the amendment had only been Section 2, and it had only sought to delay the implementation of the throwback, the repeal of the throwback tax, then clearly that would have been something which relates...has a natural and logical sequence to the main bill. But in this instance, not only does the amendment contain Section 2, which has a natural and logical relationship, but it contains Section 3, or Section 1, which seeks to do two things. It brings to this debate, as we've already heard, issues related to the Campaign Finance Limitation Cash Fund, and to my surprise, given my lack of experience here, couples with it an appropriation of \$1.6 million; appropriations usually being A bills in my brief experience. We're clearly adding to this bill, by the debate that takes place, by the subject matter of the amendment, by the appropriation of \$1.6 million, without a demonstrated need therefore, things which, as I read it, it says a nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject. I, respectfully, suggest that this is, indeed, substantially different and urge the members of the body to support the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner.