

and I ask that the Chair be overruled and this body did not support my request. I did not feel that I was in the wrong in making the request of this body to overrule the Chair because I truly felt that the issue as to the germaneness of that amendment was one about which reasonable minds could differ. I do not see in this case however how reasonable minds can differ with the Chair's ruling. Senator Hoagland has said and several times now he needed to have a common thread to sustain the Constitutionality of his bill which effectively dealt with many different laws, and that common thread quite simply was obsolete. He had to deal with obsolete statutes. Statutes that had fallen in disuse. Statutes that no longer addressed common problems. Statutes that were antiquated. Statutes that we don't need, but that was the common thread. If he didn't have that common thread then his bill fell apart Constitutionally. Then 741 was an unconstitutional bill. That was the common thread. Any amendment that is offered to 741 has got to be one that truly does deal, that truly does deal with statutes that have fallen into disuse. Statutes that we no longer need. Statutes that are genuinely obsolete. Therefore I believe when Senator DeCamp and Senator Labeledz offered their amendment it has truly dealt with a controversial area, it has truly dealt with a live issue, a live statute, nothing that was obsolete, so it becomes patently true that the Speaker was absolutely correct in his ruling, the amendment is not a germane amendment and it is really a matter about which reasonable minds can not differ.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is this question. Shall the Chair be overruled. There are 42 members present, it takes 22 to overrule the Chair. Everybody has a chance to speak once and they have spoken. We are ready for the vote. No, the rules say Section 12, of Rule 1, on page...it starts on page 4, on which challenge no member may speak more than once unless by leave of the Legislature.

SENATOR DeCAMP: (mike not activated) except that I ask unanimous consent of the body to withdraw my motion to overrule the Chair, with this understanding. There is an old saying that you have to know when to hold them, you have to know when to fold them. I'm willing to risk everything, every single thing in the whole box of cookies here, district elections, us ever bringing it up again, ever doing anything on the whole issue, on one little thing, whether our eminent lawyers in the body say that there is no being right or wrong, no anything, let's submit a request from the Attorney General whether, within the Constitutional limits this is a germane amendment. If he says no, you are wrong, Ernie, without any more trouble, you just won the whole ball game. If you are