

SPEAKER NICHOL: Why don't you not do it then if you don't want to.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But Senator Wesely just spoke and he assured, in his speech, that it is germane because he deals with when the session begins. The amendment says we'll begin every other year. Senator Higgins says it is not germane because it says when the Legislature shall meet. Well Senator Wesely's constitutional amendment says we shall meet in December. Senator DeCamp's amendment says we shall meet every other year. So they, themselves, they, themselves, are saying it is germane because it follows just exactly what we are trying to do. So I would reluctantly request that you do support overruling the Chair and adopting Senator DeCamp's amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to encourage you not to overrule the Chair. I think that you will realize, and I especially want to address myself to the freshmen, I want to address one of the reasons that we have the germaneness rule. As time passes and more and more bills are killed during the legislative session, of course, the proper method to try to raise the bill from committee is the 30 vote motion to raise the bill notwithstanding the committee action. But what happens in the Legislature is that people start trying to amend their killed bills onto other people's bills. And if you allow this sort of thing to begin now I promise you that you are sending a note of encouragement to everybody who would like to do that, and you are going to have a whole bunch of bad amendments, or very controversial amendments, obviously they will be controversial because they will be the things that were killed in committee, whole bunches of controversial amendments facing you throughout the rest of the session. So you need to cut off all that kind of debate because it is going to take away from your debate time on other subjects that came up in the proper order and which had, of course, the approval of the committees. I think that is one of the principle reasons for the germaneness rule, even though the wording of it doesn't talk about that particular legislative phenomenon. But I think it does do us some good to pay attention to the actual language of the germaneness rule. Germane amendments, it says, must relate to details of the