

specific subject of the bill, to details of the specific subject of the bill. Well, in this particular case we are not talking about the details of the timing of the days of the Legislature, such as Senator Wesely was, but we are talking about whether we are doing it in one year or two years. Another part of the rule says that a nongermane amendment, nongermane amendment includes one that accomplishes a substantially different purpose. That is what Senator DeCamp's amendment does. Senator Wesely's amendment does not change, for example, the number of days of the session. The number of days of the session stays the same. But under Senator DeCamp's amendment you are talking about 100 days of session on a two-year period as opposed to 150 days of session. So it is a completely different question again. It accomplishes a substantially different purpose. So I think, when you look both at the language of the rule and at the reason for the rule, this is precisely the kind of amendment that the rule seeks to preclude for the reason that we need to order our debate and debate those things that are most important and most relevant, and to avoid debate on a whole bunch of bills that have been killed, in effect, which are brought up through the amendment process if you don't have an effective germaneness rule. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think what Senator DeCamp is offering is a hairbrained, crackbrained idea that has no merit whatsoever. But what we are talking about here is whether or not it is germane to this proposition that Senator Wesely has before us. I think it is germane. If we are going to defeat an issue, we should defeat it on its merit and not use a stratagem to prevent it from being discussed. If the Chair is overruled I think I would speak as strongly as anybody against doing what Senator DeCamp is talking about. Senator Wesely's bill does deal only with the day that the Legislature will convene. Senator DeCamp is talking about restructuring the number of times, in a certain period, the Legislature will convene. How is somebody going to say that Senator Wesely's bill, which is the apple, is not germane to the orchard, which is what Senator DeCamp is talking about? The orchard is where the apple is produced, an apple orchard. So merely because the proposition Senator DeCamp is suggesting may be broader in scope and more significant