

PRESIDENT: No action has been taken on the ruling of the Chair concerning the germaneness of the amendment and, therefore, Senator Pappas, I take it that you are challenging the ruling of the Chair? Very well. We're speaking now on the point of order of germaneness and whether the Chair was wrong or not and the question is, shall the Chair be upheld. Persons can speak only once. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to oppose Senator Pappas. Senator DeCamp was honest about this. Senator DeCamp said that it's going to take 30 votes to suspend the rules of this body so that the attempt can be affected by Senator Pappas to amend LB 127. That's the honest way. The amendment that Senator Pappas is offering to LB 127 is not germane. If you believe it is germane then I want you to reflect on this possibility. Any time any one of you in this body carries a piece of legislation that has an A bill, i.e., is going to cost a little bit of state money, then Senator Pappas can offer an amendment to put the video slot bill on your bill and earmark \$5,000, \$10,000, \$20,000 or \$100,000 out of the video slot money to your funding need because that's what happened with 127. Now there is a right way and a wrong way to make approaches and obviously to simply move to overrule the Chair where fewer votes are required than a move to suspend the rules may be practical because fewer votes are required, but it truly is not honest with our own intellect and our own processes. And I genuinely think that those that are in support of consideration at this time of the video lottery issue should simply vote to suspend the rules, that 30 votes should be obtained, the rules be suspended and we go ahead and take the issue up. I do agree with the Lieutenant Governor that the amendment to LB 127 is not germane.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'll be very brief and echo to some extent what Senator Johnson said. I think we ought to at least utilize intellectual honesty at this stage in our proceedings and make a motion to suspend the rule rather