

the Judiciary Committee. It was killed in the Judiciary Committee. It was then scheduled to be pulled out of the Judiciary Committee and that happened. After a half hour debate on the floor the resolution, I can't recall the number, was brought out before this body. Now it clearly deals with an utterly different purpose. Retrocession has nothing to do with the Indian Commission. The Indian Commission has nothing to do with retrocession. More important, and a more important reason to uphold the ruling of the Chair at this point, is that this is really an effort, on a sleepy afternoon when there are 15 or 20 resolutions on the agenda, to slip something through. Now as I understand the Speaker has been repeatedly requested to put retrocession on the agenda today or tomorrow and has declined to do so. So none of us have had any notice of this.

PRESIDENT: Let's have a little order, please. (Gavel.) Go ahead.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: None of us have had really a clue, at least none of us that oppose retrocession at this point, had any warning or any notice that this might be brought up. I think the Chair is correct that it is not germane for the obvious reasons. I think it does violence to our legislative procedures to allow a highly substantive issue to be brought up in this fashion at this time. I would urge you not to overrule the decision of the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Anyone else wish to speak on the point of order? Senator Vickers, I believe you had your hand raised.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I believe that this is clearly not germane and the fairest, honest way to do it, more honest way to do it would be to attempt to suspend the rules it seems to me. Senator Chambers made the argument that the germaneness rule, since it mentions bill at one point, doesn't apply to resolutions of this nature. I disagree with that. When you look at that whole rule, Section 3, Rule 7, it is talking about how you amend various things before us. The first sentence of Section 3, Rule 7(d) says, "No motion, proposition or subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment." It doesn't say whether it is a bill or not. But if Senator Chambers' idea is correct, back under Rule 4, Resolutions, it talks about, at one point, "All resolutions,