

if amended, should pass through the process of Enrollment and Review." But the whole rule of resolutions, Rule 4, doesn't set out any specifications at all as to how you amend a resolution. So my contention is that Rule 7, Section 3, that talks about amending, applies to resolutions as well. If that is the case then it would appear to me that the germaneness rule applies to resolutions also. I think the Chair is absolutely correct. I think we are making a mockery of our system if we say no, the Chair is not correct and, therefore, overrule him. As I indicate the best way, if you want to deal with it in this fashion, is to suspend the rules, it appears to me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: The question before us is shall the Chair be overruled. Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak? Persons may speak only once on this point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am in favor of retrocession, and I hope that we do discuss it today. But I have to agree with Senator Vickers that I think the suspension of the rules is the proper way to go. I think it is hard, must be hard for Senator DeCamp and Senator Johnson to stand before us today and argue that this is a germane amendment. If this is a germane amendment, we are creating a loophole in our rules that is large enough to drive many things through, including amendments or resolutions designed to change the Constitution because if you are going to argue that these are bills and not constitutions (sic) then you have a real problem with our rules and there is a real large omission there. I am not aware, at any time prior to this time, that we have ever interpreted the germaneness rule to be limited solely to resolutions. I think it would be a mistake to do so at this time. I hope that the Chair will be upheld, but at the same time I hope the motion to suspend the rules will be made and that we can have a long and considerable and worthwhile debate on the question of resolution (sic) and what our obligation to the Indian community is. I hope we will vote for the resolution (sic) amendment...or retrocession amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Motion is...or the question is, shall the Chair be overruled? I'll put the question to you. You may close, Senator.