

PRESIDENT: The motion is...or the question is, shall the Chair be overruled?. Vote aye or nay. All those in favor vote aye...vote aye or nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the question, shall the Chair be overruled? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the roll or the vote.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 27 nays on the motion to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is sustained in its ruling. Another motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Johnson would move to suspend the germaneness rule.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, go ahead.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I was sitting here writing the motion to suspend the rules on my yellow pad. Now I'm going to assume that there were some red votes showing on the last motion to overrule the Chair because there were some members of this Legislature who simply could not say in their own heart that the particular amendment that Senator DeCamp and I were offering was germane to the resolution. So now I'm going to say all right, honesty, if that is the way members feel, then honesty should at least allow us to suspend the rules so we can vote on the resolution, so we can vote on the retrocession amendment. I think it is very important that the retrocession question be brought to a head before we adjourn tomorrow. I think it is important that it be brought to a head before we adjourn tomorrow because a tribe of Indians in our state has demonstrated that it is prepared to accept full and complete responsibility for the affairs of people on reservation area, and a tribe of Indians in our state has come down and has requested that we let that tribe go, that we let that tribe go. I think that we owe it to a tribe of Indians in our state to bring this issue to a vote. I'm going to vote for it in the end, maybe 24 other people will not vote for retrocession, but it should be brought to a vote before we close this legislative session. This issue should not languish until next session. The reason why is that you and I are talking about a fundamental question of human freedom, and human dignity, and self-worth, and