

the bill deals with. Number two, the amendment itself deals with the subject of the bill, i.e., the Nebraska Insurance Guaranty Funds. They deal with the subject of the bill. Number three, the only essential difference between the amendment and the bill is that the bill essentially deals with substantive changes to the Nebraska Insurance Guaranty Funds and the amendment deals with the offset of payments by members of the fund against the premium tax. That is the only conceptual difference between the amendment and the bill. It strikes me that if we uphold the President in the President's ruling, we literally do undue damage to ourselves in terms of our relatively free and spirited debate on legislation that comes our way. We, in effect, allow precedence to build up here which will hamper us in future days and weeks in terms of being able to bring to the subject before us concepts and issues that are relevant, that relate to that subject but which might be in some slight manner conceptually different from that subject. I believe it important at this juncture for us to overrule the Chair on what is acknowledged as a close question so that the issue itself can be discussed and debated and voted up or voted down as you see fit. But I would ask you at this time to at least vote to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the Chair be overruled on the point of germaneness? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. You will vote aye to overrule the Chair, no to sustain the Chair. Shall the Chair be overruled? Please record your vote. The motion is shall the...the question is, shall the Chair be overruled on the point of germaneness? There are three excused at the present time. We need a majority of those present. Please record your vote.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I guess there are quite a few members gone, I guess I will ask for a call of the house, please.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The call of the house has been requested and now the question is, shall the house come under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion is carried and the house is under