

would ask you to rule in that light.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, I guess the way to deal with this is just say that all is fair. 298 is a postjudgment interest bill but it does deal with the same section. Last year I amended this same bill into the prejudgment interest bill that we were dealing with at that time. In my mind, it made it real palatable, but when we got to Final Reading the body didn't think so, so I had to deal with this bill as it sat on General File. At that time it was ruled that my amendment was germane to the same section pretty much the same amendment that we are dealing with, so I would think that although it may make my bill a little bigger, a little better, depending on whose point of view you are from, I would have to say that I feel it is germane to the issue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the point of germaneness? Any closing, Senator Barrett?

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. President, only to say that the germaneness rule under which we operate is extremely tight. I think everyone in this body will agree with that, but we should not confuse the germaneness rule in our rules with the single subject situation that we find in our state's Constitution, which I think some people are confusing in this particular case. Admittedly, the DeCamp amendment under consideration would not violate the single subject rule, it would not of the Constitution because that rule is less restrictive, less strict than the germaneness issue under consideration at the present time. I think we shouldn't be misled when somebody says that the amendment is germane simply because it, for example, amends the same chapter and the same article of the statutes. Those are tests to be applied when considering whether an amendment violates the single subject rule or clause of the Constitution and not whether an amendment violates the rules under which we operate. So, again, I suggest that the amendment is not germane under our legislative rules. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: To be quite honest with you, the Chair has done some study on this matter and, again, I think that the matter of how the germaneness rule that has been in effect