

since I have presided can be construed according to how strictly you want to construe it to allow or prevent other subjects to be discussed as an amendment to a bill. The Chair finds no quarrel with the idea of the broad subject matter of judgment interest, but under a strict ruling which this Presiding Officer has been trying to follow of narrowing the arguments as to what is germane and what is not, I would rule that it is not germane because it accomplishes a different purpose than the original bill, than this bill was intended to accomplish and does, in effect, bring in another subject matter that is not constitutionally prohibited under the single subject rule of the Constitution. But I think under this rule other arguments have been had on this issue on other days in this forum and for the purpose of this bill I rule that this amendment is not germane and the members are free to challenge my ruling. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I will challenge your ruling and I won't even give any arguments. I think the arguments are already made and we can save time. Either the votes are here or they aren't and I think probably they will vote the way they are going to vote on the bill anyway and it may be a test of that and get it decided.

PRESIDENT: The challenge has been offered and the question is, shall the Chair be sustained and...shall the Chair be overruled? Now, is there discussion on the challenge? If not, the motion is, shall the Chair be overruled? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Twenty-three votes will be required to overrule the Chair based on our absentee members this morning. The motion is...the question is, shall the Chair be overruled on this point of germaneness? Please record your vote. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is overruled and the amendment is thereby germane and can be considered. You have presented your argument. Do you wish to present it again, Senator DeCamp, briefly?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, just to say I think this is a reasonable middle of the ground proposal that settles this