

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, on the germaneness.

SENATOR VICKERS: Very briefly, Mr. President. Mr. President, would you mind if you'd gavel, rap your gavel once. I would like to at least think that some folks were listening.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.)

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you please hold the conversation down so we can hear the speakers. Thank you. Especially in the back of the room.

SENATOR VICKERS: I just want to make the point that once again, as Senator Johnson did, that both this amendment which was a bill Senator Johnson and I introduced and 1001 which is the bill that Senator Peterson introduced, both of them came to the Agriculture Committee, both of them have exactly the same purposes, that is to create a cash fund so that the users of a service that was eliminated by the funding cuts in our special session last year from the Department of Agriculture could pay part of those funds themselves so that we could keep two distinct programs under the Department of Agriculture operating. So the purposes of both bills were exactly the same. Admittedly they are not in the same sections of the statutes, but they are both operated through the Department of Agriculture, both of them are creating a cash fund, both of them will be paid for by the users. It seems to me that under the germaneness rule the same subject then certainly could be considered and I would urge the body's overruling of the Chair.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, on the overruling of the Chair.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, very briefly, I rise in support of the motion to overrule the Chair. I agree with what Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Vickers have said. I think that the intent is the same. They were handled the same in the committee. I think that it is important to both industries. I would not try to balance one against the other. Both are important. The answer is very simple and if you have an interest in one, it is very important to you and if you have an interest in the other, it is very important to that individual. I recognize that there are distinct difference of opinion as to how and what is the best way to handle it, but there are a