

it for five percent. This bill, as it was originally drafted, would reduce that to three percent. Wholesalers have to prepay the stamps. They have to pay for the stamps before they get them. They also have to take or will take some loss on their accounts receivable. They also have to deal with bad checks. They have to deal, especially now, with bankruptcies. Some of these small businesses that they sell to are not making it and they declare bankruptcy. So there is no way for these wholesalers to get that back. So I would just like to have you support me in restoring this commission from three, as is written in the bill, back to the original five percent.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: I'm not speaking so much as I want to raise a point of order.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question of the Chair. A ruling, under the call as written I fail to see how we could even be taking up the bill in the first place with that amendment in it, in other words the way the committee put it out. You could argue it is related to the whole issue of the cigarette tax, but you certainly, by the same standard, could argue that the income tax is related to the "whole budget system" and the tax system there. I realize the Attorney General has great flexibility in his ability to have different interpretations on these things. But by the standards he laid down, which I happen to disagree with, but by the standards he laid down in his other interpretations, I fail to see how you can be dealing with this whole issue of collections. It is not the cigarette tax. As I say, it is no more related or just as much related as the income tax is to the overall picture of the budget. So I guess I would object to even considering the bill further until this issue is resolved or at least ask for a ruling. It is simply, by his own standards, outside the call, this portion of the bill. Mr. Speaker, what I'm claiming is his amendment is right in getting that out of the bill, but I am saying for it to even be in the bill makes the bill outside the call. Until such time as that is removed, it would appear to me, by the standards the Attorney General laid down, which again I repeat I disagree, I think he's wrong, but he set the rules, and just like on the sales tax on services I'm just