

SENATOR DECAMP: I'm asking for a ruling. Are you ruling it now within the call?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, I am ruling it now within the call based on the Attorney General's Opinion dated November 7th, signed by John Boehm.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, then I would respectfully move that the Chair be overruled on that particular ruling.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR DECAMP: And I would like to give my arguments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, Mr. President, the theory of the Attorney General on this particular matter, I think, is very important for us for the future, and as I understand it, it goes something like this. On a particular day this matter was outside the call by virtue of an opinion issued by the Attorney General. Okay? Then on another day some members of the Legislature, not the Governor, but merely some members of a committee put an amendment on a bill, which bill has never been passed into law. They simply put an amendment on and the Attorney General has said in some way, this LB 29, which on this day was outside, because there is an amendment on a bill over here, is now inside. By that type of reasoning you completely lose any integrity or any system of defining what is inside or outside. For example, I could put an amendment under this identical reasoning, I could offer an amendment and get it adopted, let's say, to reduce the University budget cut to 1 percent, contingent upon additional revenues being derived from a lottery or some other device. Supposedly then, the lottery is within the call under that reasoning of the Attorney General. Take it a little further. The call can go like a flood plain or an ocean. It goes up and down, right on a daily basis depending upon what individual members in here do. Let's use an example. Today you say because of an amendment that some committee members have put on a bill and that the Legislature is advancing, that this thing is inside the call. Let us assume on Select File that particular amendment is taken off that particular bill. Then that thing goes outside the call, I assume. And then on Final Reading somebody makes an amendment and puts it back in.