

Now it is back inside. At some point, even the Attorney General has to realize that in their attempt to design opinions and rules for their purposes, that they have reduced the whole system to ludicrousness. The call means nothing. It's just whatever...an expanding, contracting thing, depending upon what members put what amendments on what bills and then somebody else says, well, this is related to that. Either you have a system or you have no system and by trying to play it both ways, the Attorney General has put us in a position where there is no system. It's complete capriciousness. I would point out further that if it was outside yesterday and inside today, by virtue of your ruling, then you're going to be in trouble on your seven-day ruling anyway because it can't be before the Legislature obviously until it is inside the call, it would seem, so you're going to be in trouble on that point anyway. So, all in all, Mr. President, I would say that we've reached the point of absurdity on this inside and outside the call game that the Attorney General and the Governor have tried to play with us and in trying to put this inside, using the theory they have used, which is somehow an amendment here makes some other bill inside. It is just completely unworkable.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please. Then Senator Chambers, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I would ask you uphold the Speaker's ruling that this is germane. I apologize for not being here yesterday and I apologize that the Attorney General Opinion hadn't gotten here before you voted on it, or excuse me, that it was ruled on yesterday. But Senator Warner and I have talked about this for two weeks and we have been trying to work with the Attorney General's Office on the whole question of what is or what is not in the call. Now, the call, if you look in the Journal on page 2, the first item is Reduce Appropriations Approved by the 89th Legislature, First Session. Under that concept of reducing the appropriations, we are trying to, through this bill, ensure that we do reduce appropriations under the call because of the situation that we have some lawsuits pending and last session when we cut out \$450,000 from the State Auditor's Office so that he wouldn't have to do county audits any longer, we didn't remove the mandate that the county auditor do the county audits. And as a result lawsuits have been filed. They are likely to be successful.