
joint resolution or to the order issued under section 254. For

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amendment regardless of its germaneness.

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that substitute amendments be in order and limited to 20 minutes provided they are relevant to the subject matter.

Mr. BAUCUS. Reserving the right to object, Madam President, a parliamentary inquiry. I wonder what the difference between germaneness and relative to the subject matter would be. What is the difference between the two?

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. Kassebaum of Kansas). Relevance is broader than germaneness, it is a subject matter test.

Mr. BAUCUS. A further parliamentary inquiry. That means if the Senator from Montana has an amendment which has something to do with farm credit legislation, it would be in order under this agreement?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. As long as it deals with the subject of the farm credit bill before us.

Id.

Senator Harkin of Iowa then addressed additional questions to the Chair regarding the relevancy test:

Mr. HARKIN. As I understand the modification just mentioned by the distinguished majority leader, we could offer amendments that dealt with the subject matter. My concern is that I may have an amendment which goes broader than just the Farm Credit System. It will deal with farm credit but it may go beyond the bill itself, which talks basically or only about the Farm Credit System itself.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It would not be relevant if it does contain any significant matter that is not dealt with in the farm credit legislation.

Mr. HARKIN. So, Madam President, if I had an amendment that dealt with farm credit that applied both to the Farm Credit System and to, let us say, private lenders or private banks, would that be in order under the modification mentioned by the majority leader?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If private lenders and private banks are not dealt with in the original bill, it would not be in order.

Id.