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2011 SENATE RULINGS

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For your information and use in the 2012 session, we enclose summaries of the Senate Rulings for the 2011 regular and special sessions. These summaries will be included in the Senate Precedents section of the 2013 edition of Rules and Precedents of the General Assembly. They will also be searchable on-line from the General Assembly's "Legislative Documents" link.

AMENDMENT NOT GERMANE

The bill was the two-year state budget. Senate "R" canceled the New Britain-Hartford busway project. A member raised a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the underlying bill.

The president ruled the point well taken. She stated that there was no connection between the busway project or state bonding generally and the underlying bill, which dealt with the expenditure of operating dollars and the generation of revenue. She also cited Senate Precedents 33 (Sullivan, November 30, 2005), 39 (Rell, April 17, 1996), 50 (Fauliso, April 20, 1982) and 5 (Sullivan, June 28, 2005).

Wyman, May 2, 2011

AMENDMENT NOT GERMANE

The bill was the two-year state budget. Senate "A" required the freezing of longevity payments for nonunion employees and eliminated longevity for those nonunion employees who were not currently eligible for longevity. A member raised a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the underlying bill.

The president ruled the point not well taken, noting that all the relevant text included in the amendment was part of the bill that the governor proposed to the legislature for the purposes of the special session (Mason 780(6)). She also cited Senate Precedents 263 (Fedele, June 11, 2008), 264 (Coleman, June 28, 2005), and 265 (O'Neill, November 1, 1979).

Wyman, June 30, 2011

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