SCOPE & OBJECT RULING: AMENDMENT #118 TO SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5533 (March 7, 2017)

In ruling upon the point of order raised by Senator Fain as to the scope and object of Substitute Senate Bill 5533, the President finds and rules as follows:

Substitute Senate Bill 5533 prohibits entities who collectively bargain with the governor from making campaign contributions in support of or opposition to a gubernatorial candidate. The scope of the bill – defining collective bargaining and prohibiting gubernatorial campaign expenditures from entities who collectively bargain with the governor – is narrow and specific. However, the object, or aim of the bill appears to be broader. Its purpose is to prevent a "pay to play" scenario.

The striking amendment eliminates every provision in the bill and instead directs that certain nonprofits file statements with the PDC disclosing the largest contributors to their organizations.

The amendment appears to have no connection to the substitute bill other than the very broad subject of contributions to elections. There is not even a passing reference to collective bargaining. As such, the amendment is within neither the scope nor the object of the bill.

For these reasons, the President finds that the amendment does change the scope and object of the bill, and the amendment is therefore out of order.