

challenging the germaneness of the amendment?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I am, Mr. Speaker, for two reasons. First of all, I think that this is really unfortunate procedure for us to be operating in this fashion and to be writing bills on Final Reading. This particular amendment by Senator Haberman is intended to deal with a topic that is completely different, completely different from the original purpose of the bill. Now the original purpose of the bill has to do with certificates of inspection for buses and the title of the bill, Mr. Speaker, indicates to change provisions relating to motor vehicle safety inspections for school buses as prescribed and also to relate to the annexation of school district territory, an amendment that was placed on Select File. Now Senator Haberman by virtue of this amendment is dealing with a completely different subject. Granted it is in the same chapter of the car. This particular provision has not been through a public hearing. It was not raised on General File. It was not raised on Select File, and Final Reading now he is coming in with a different subject as a patchwork job to a litigation that is presently pending in Douglas County to challenge the safety sticker system as it pertains to all motor vehicles and I think to attach this as a rider to a much narrower statute that deals simply with certain aspects of bus safety sticker statutes is an abuse of the legislative process. This has not gone through the normal course of public hearing and the normal course of legislative consideration. It's abuse of the legislative process particularly to write this kind of legislation on Final Reading and I think the proper motion to object to this abuse is through a challenge to its germaneness.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, do you want to respond to your particular amendment and whether your amendment has anything to do with...?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, my amendment has to do with inspections on vehicles and whether it is an automobile or a bus or whatever it is I think it is germane, but that is not up to me to decide, that is up to you to decide. So I can't stand up here and compete with these lawyers so I will say, yes, as far as I am concerned, it is germane and I would like to have you rule that way.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The practice of the Chair as far as I am concerned is to allow the opposing sides the opportunity