

March 30, 1984

LB 372

like about to be attached to a bill I don't particularly care for is to vote against the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for a ruling on germaneness.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, would you like to respond before I decide here and while I am looking at it?

SENATOR LANDIS: I will abide by the ruling of the Chair and in the event that the Chair rules that it is not germane, I will ask for a suspension of the germaneness rule, but I would argue that essentially we are in the area of community development whether that is in the form of the assistance to blighted and substandard neighborhoods, by the building of senior citizen centers or whether that means bringing jobs to a locale and in so doing, I think that there is precedent to permit it to be regarded as germane.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, would you state why you think it is not germane?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, first of all, the bill that Senator Landis is dealing with is a completely different concept contained in particular sections of the statute. What he is amending into that is the NIFA act which is a completely different financing concept and is not in those particular sections of the law. Furthermore, I think you have to look at the language of the germaneness statute, Mr. Speaker, which you know quite well, and furthermore you have to look at the reason for the rule and I guess I would ask Senator Landis in that regard whether this...is this even on General File? Have the amendments even had a public hearing? Is this the first time in this session on Select File that we are even being introduced to what is a very controversial matter as this body knows from past experience with tax exempt financing? In other words, all the reasons that the germaneness rules are there, Mr. Speaker, I think would apply to this case unless I am mistaken.

11353