

appreciate that. I knew it would be a close call when I objected. Senator Vard Johnson has suggested, and correctly so, that the amendment has very far-reaching effects. Senator Vard Johnson has said that his amendment is not necessarily simple, and it isn't. I repeat, I think we have two different subjects here. I would urge the body to sustain the Chair with the understanding that this particular issue, Senator Johnson, be dealt with, because it is a substantive issue, in a separate hearing, perhaps a new bill. Further, I would suggest that LB 1030 might be the avenue, the bill is now in Revenue Committee, to bring this matter again to the attention of the body. Thank you, Mr. President. I urge the body to sustain the Chair.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, very briefly, I am not one who votes to override the Chair very lightly, but under our rules and under the germaneness issue that I thought we had always followed in here is that an amendment was in the same sections of the statutes then it was germane. And the amendment, as I understand it, being offered by Senator Johnson does fall under that criteria. So, therefore, I am going to vote and urge others to overrule the Chair in this particular instance because I think to vote otherwise could be setting a precedent that we may not wish to set in further debates or further discussions on germaneness. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, are you on the floor? It appears that you may close.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of this Legislature, again, I don't want to use my little bit of time to debate the merits of the amendment because the merits of the amendment will be debated if the amendment itself may be debated. And whether the amendment itself can be debated is a function of whether the amendment is seen by this Legislature as being relevant to this particular bill, germane to this bill. Both Senator Barrett and Lieutenant Governor McGinley have acknowledged that the issue is a close issue. The reason it is a close issue is because we have written our germanement (sic) rules very tightly. They are written extremely tightly right now. Number one, the amendment itself deals with the very same sections of statute that the bill deals with. They deal with a law that