

suggesting that the Director of Health be a graduate of a recognized medical university, does not need to be a physician, perhaps is a substantially different purpose as defined in Rule 7, Section 3, subsection (d) of our own rules, and, I think in the eyes of the Chair then, the Chair would consider it to be a nongermane amendment because it includes and relates to a substantially different subject, accomplishes a substantially different purpose than that of the original bill which was LB 384. The Chair would then declare the amendment to be nongermane, out of order. Senator Schmit, any comment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would just make one additional comment. The Wesely amendment substantially alters the original intent of the bill, LB 384. The amendment that Senator Wesely has offered which has been adopted deals with a broad spectrum of professional health care areas and is a much more broad document than the original bill. I would suggest, very respectfully, that given the context of the Wesely amendment, that the ruling might be different, Mr. Speaker, than would be true with the original bill. I believe that when Senator Wesely's amendment was adopted, this amendment that I have proposed also then becomes germane. I would ask you to review the document which is the Wesely amendment which substantially alters LB 384, if you would do so, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Of course, this particular presiding officer started presiding at the conclusion of the discussion on the Wesely amendment and the main difference, perhaps, being that there was no challenge to the germaneness of that amendment. Well, Senator Schmit, I think just in a cursory examination and, admittedly, quick, we are in the same sections, I have the impression that we're probably all right in terms of germaneness. Yes, I'm sorry, did I say something else? The Wesely amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, absolutely, Mr. Speaker, I'm referencing the bill as amended by my amendment. If you look at the sections of that, you're...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, it is the opinion of the Chair that your amendment is germane.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, yes it was.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I misspoke.