

If you have any germaneness rule at all and some of you argue we don't anymore the way we've behaved this session, this amendment is clearly not germane. Obviously, it's easier to get 25 votes than 30 if that's the way you want to deal with the system. But it's situations like this, and Senator Beutler is correct, we've done a lot of this. I don't often like very much of it at all. I've challenged that on more than one occasion but this one is so blatant I think the body, unless you're right, unless you want to start tomorrow, spend all day on LB 1019 on amendments and when the clock runs out it will be over because everything is germane, we can do it that way. I don't think that's the wise way to go. I have my priority bill from last year sitting there, my priority bill from this year sitting there, we're probably not going to get to either one of them because we've continued to try and circumvent the process like this. There's a good reason we've had a germaneness rule in this body. I think it has been...I agree with Senator Beutler, maybe it's unfortunate, in his district...there are amendments where you start enforcing it, but it's so clear, I think it's important you do that. And Senator Beutler says, well, we've been sinning the last two weeks, why not do a little more sinning here and just blink and look the other way. I think this body has to set its foot down very clearly as we go into tomorrow that we're going to either suspend the rules and get 30 votes to amend something or we're going to enforce the germaneness rule. Otherwise, as I've said, we can spend all day amending everything from moon rocks to molten lava to LB 1019 because if it's like all star wrestling, the only rules, there are no rules, let's start with it. I think it's the clear thing to do if Senator Beutler and the supporters of this measure have 30 votes and do it that way. I don't know if...we started down this whole process of amending bills into A bills, it's a horrible precedent, I think we all agree to that. I don't think we should have done it under 719A, I didn't like that. It's one of those things that this mad scramble at the final days of the session makes us all look foolish. And I understand Senator Beutler's frustration in getting his priority bill. I can relate to that very well, but the fact is, this amendment is blatantly not germane. If we're going to have any semblance of rules on the final three days, you have to support the Chair and the supporters of this measure have to come up with 30 votes to suspend the germaneness rule and then complete the total abomination of the rules to get this bill considered. That is certainly fair game to do it that way but to try and use the courts to try and get by with 25, I think is wrong. I strongly