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we chose this was because of that. And also, it is dealing with schools, and this is related to school. In the original bill...(LB) 1343 is the original bill. It is an act relating to schools, so there were no other opportunities to try to get this amendment through at this time, and it's the same chapter, 32, that's in 989...or that part of 989 deals with.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator. Senator Witek, although it is in the same chapter, the school laws are a very, very broad chapter. I'm going to rule that this is not a germane amendment, and you're free to challenge the ruling of the Chair.

SENATOR WITEK: No, I will not challenge the Chair at this time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Coordsen would move to amend AM3790. (See page 1092 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. AM3790 is in the daily Journal beginning on page 1092 or on our electronic gremlin here. (AM)3790 is an amendment that adds three sections to the statute to provide that for school aid in Class I budget limitation purposes, the allowable growth range, as it existed on the prior December 1 will govern even if the Legislature subsequently amends the allowable growth rate for the next budget year, as authorized under LB 989. We have found that after the Revenue Committee had drafted what is now the bill, the Revenue Committee amendment, that we had some questions arose over when...what was the magic date on which growth rate was going to be measured on. And this is, as I understand it, the currently existing method and it was the most understandable to answer the questions by providing the language that is provided, I think, in three different places in the bill. Then we had some question from the State Auditor's office, and those had to do with what was meant by accounts or account...account or accounts, and that's toward the end of the amendment. Let me keep thumbing through it here...on page 1097 of the Journal, and for the purposes of auditing purpose, as