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LB 59

We are further violating our own rule that a bill may not be substantively altered under color of amendment. We are jumping into two sections of law, and I would ask that the Chair rule that this motion to amend is a motion to reconsider, is out of time, does not comply with the constitutional requirement of one subject in a bill, and does not comply with our rule requiring that a bill not be altered substantively under color of amendment. I would ask the Chair to rule on that.

PRESIDENT: Well, I would ask Senator Chambers to explain what the bill...first of all, Senator Murphy, a question by the Chair. What bill was it that you were referring to that you said Senator Chambers was amending? Was it LB 59?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir, 59 and 63, I think are the...

PRESIDENT: Well, was the reconsideration on LB 59 a prior reconsideration?

SENATOR MURPHY: The original motion at the time Senator Chambers changed his vote for purposes of reconsideration, but subsequently failed to perfect within the five day time limit that reconsideration motion.

PRESIDENT: Was that on Select File or General File when this prior motion was made?

SENATOR MURPHY: I believe it was killed on General File.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Okay, now Senator Chambers, would you address yourself to that question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, first of all, I'll deal with the question Senator Murphy raised about two bills, two subjects in one bill. If you'll notice, LB 59 amends Chapter 79, and the amendment that I'm offering would also amend Chapter 79. In the original LB 59, which I am attempting to amend, there is language on the white copy which deals with instruction related to the education of pre-kindergarten children. So this particular amendment that I'm offering relates to instruction too. But the fact that it all comes from the same chapter indicates that the subject matter can be considered in one bill. I am not asking that LB 63 be revived. Any amendment can be offered to a bill as long as it relates to the subject matter, and is germane, and I think you can see that the subject of the amendment which I am offering to LB 59 is germane to LB 59. It would take I don't know how many votes to try to reconsider LB 63.