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would seek, or anybody else can, an Attorney General's opinion as to whether or not there are two subjects in the bill. If it would be found that two subjects are present, I would then remove the amendment, because the aim is not to sabotage LB 59.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Chambers, am I mistaken in my recollection that you in fact opposed LB 59 originally?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There were parts of it that I opposed, but those things are going to be worked out by amendment, and I said that the main thrust of the bill is what I'm in favor of...the compulsory physical examinations and the immunization. The portions I was opposed to would be where a parent would be allowed to deprive his or her child of these types of things, which are being offered for the health of the children. But as far as the thrust of the bill, I'm totally in favor of that.

SENATOR MURPHY: You would not be, and I hesitate to even infer this, Senator Chambers, you would not be offering a sweetheart amendment that might ultimately kill the bill you voted against originally?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, and Senator Murphy, I talked to Senator Koch on LB 59. He is for the bill, and I think he can tell you that with the amendments he is offering, and I'm offering also, it will bring the bill closer to doing what it ought to do, namely, protect the children, their health and welfare. And I'm saying again, when this amendment that I'm offering is placed on the bill, I will immediately seek an Attorney General's opinion. If he says, or she, that it constitutes two subjects in one bill, I will remove the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, I will rule on Senator Murphy's objections, and first addressing myself to the matter of reconsideration, if I understood the history of LB 63 and 59 and the fact that it's at another stage, even on 59 from General File to Select File, the Chair would rule that it is not reconsideration. On the second point of the same subject matter, the Chair is convinced that this is a germane amendment, that the whole...Chapter 79 is the matter that counts and that it is germane and that we may proceed with the amendment. Now, if you want to object, Senator Murphy, if you'd like to overrule the ruling of the Chair, why that's within your power.

SENATOR MURPHY: I do object, Mr. Chairman, but we will let