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LB 311

SENATOR LANDIS: Members of the Legislature we do have a little serious problem here on our hands as a member of the committee that heard this bill. This amendment that has just been offered is in fact a bill. Take a look in your black books, take a look under LB 469 you are going to find the provisions word for word. This bill was heard by the Urban Affairs Committee, if your black book is current, you will find that it was indefinitely postponed by that committee on a unanimous vote. We felt the measure was retributive in nature designed to get the attention of MUD on behalf of the schools. It also had the negative effect of increasing the utility rates for every urban household by roughly \$18. That is not a consequence that the committee supported. Consequently, LB 496 was killed, or rather 469 was killed and I believe the members of the committee would join me in saying that this amendment is not germane having had its day in court and having been judiciously dealt with the full and intense scrutiny of our committee and I would hope that the body would summarily end quickly the amendment that is offered by Senator Koch.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney. Senator Beutler, for what purpose do you rise? Sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: A point of order.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. May we have a little order, it is difficult hearing out in the inner lounge.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a ruling from the Chair on the question of germaneness.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the amendment that I have before me is an amendment to LB 311 and requisition number or request number 2189. The amendment addresses itself to 14-1005 which is within the guidelines of the 14-1041. So we have briefly looked over this and as near as we can determine it is germane. Senator Koch. I'm sorry, Senator Stoney and then Senator Koch. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, I do have some difficulty with the decision that you have reached relative to the germaneness of this particular amendment. I think that Senator Landis very well explained that what is encompassed in this particular amendment formerly was a legislative proposal that was heard before the Urban Affairs Committee and was defeated. I think that it is a very poor precedent for us to establish