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same Chapter but that it also does not pertain to the same subject so I am going to rule it not germane. Now if anyone wants to challenge that, they may do so. 25 votes. It will take a majority of those present to overrule it, so 24, I guess, because there is two gone. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, rather than spend an hour or two hours debating germaneness, what I will do, I think it is reasonable at this late time of the session and everything else, I will await offering this amendment until Select File with this understanding. I will present to you the arguments that substantiate the issue of germaneness, will give you time to make your own conclusions and decisions as to the reasonableness or fairness of the germaneness issue so we do not spend two hours here arguing technical problems, and when the issue comes up on Select File, and I assume the bill will move, it would seem reasonable at that time that in two minutes you can vote one way or the other. I would simply point out what Senator Beutler is essentially asking is that here on this particular subject at this particular time on this particular very sensitive issue, suddenly all the rules and precedents be changed. Now I am full well willing to change germaneness rules in here. I have suggested this for about three years that specific standards be developed. They have not been. Following the precedence of the past, the subject, education, the chapter, Chapter 79 or whatever it is, and following previous Attorney General's opinions on the issue of germaneness which is not, I repeat, not the constitutional issue of one subject, by the way, this would be as germane as anything ever offered. It certainly is germane as everything and anything we have allowed this year. But in deference to the body and with respect to whoever happens to be in the Chair and their ruling, I will await for the debate on the issue and on the subject until such time as I can document to each individual member in writing, so you can examine it, why this is as germane at this time as any time. So, go ahead with your balance of the bill with the understanding that I will be offering this on Select File and would hope at that time you would give this issue a chance to be heard for the first time.

SENATOR CLARK: You withdraw your amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Withdraw it now.

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn. Senator Koch.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I do alert you, though, that I will be offering this on Select.