

important one, whether the pipeline will have a significant adverse effect on the quantity or quality of surface water or groundwater in any aquifer located in whole or in part within Nebraska and (d) whether the pipeline can reasonably expect not to have a significant adverse effect on the state's economy and (e) whether such pipeline adversely affects the public health and safety of the state. Now if those individuals who have been promoting this pipeline through the State of Nebraska have been truthful with us then I do not believe this will not be a major hurdle for them to cross but it does say that the State of Nebraska will exercise some discretion rather than just allowing any entity to cross state property whether or not it is in the public interest. I would ask you to adopt these amendments and move LB 544.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask for a ruling from the Chair on the germaneness of the issue.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I believe that the bill in its original form simply has to do with holding meetings of the Highway Commission outside of the City of Lincoln and that we are grafting on to that a major amendment which has serious implications for the state which has not to my knowledge had a public hearing, which is not in Chapter XXXIX, 1100 series which has to do with the Highway Commission but is rather in the Chapter XXXIX, 1300 series having to do with state highways and I would ask the Chair to rule that the amendment is not germane. I would remind the Chair that yesterday under similar circumstances an amendment was also rejected.

PRESIDENT: Well, the same person was not in the Chair though and I have always ruled on germaneness as to the bill. Now I am not talking about germaneness as to any individual subject matter but since you could have a bill that would cover anything covered in Chapter XXXIX and still be germane, I am going to rule that at this point it is germane. Whether or not it has ever had a hearing and whether it can be referred back for a hearing is something the Speaker can decide. So I am going to hold that at this point, Senator Beutler, that it is germane to the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Chair, move the Chair be overruled.

PRESIDENT: Okay, that is agreeable. The motion then is to overrule the Chair on the subject of germaneness. Now