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you wish to speak to the committee amendment? Senator Kahle, the committee amendment? If not, the question is... okay, we have two amendments to the committee amendment. Senator DeCamp, do you have an amendment to the committee amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators DeCamp and Howard Peterson would move to amend the committee amendments and their amendments are found on page 746 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, with the tightness of this session I'm going to try to be very brief on this. It's an issue that has been up two years now, received any incredible amount of attention presswise and otherwise and here in the Legislature...

SENATOR NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator DeCamp...

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...and what the amendments attempt to do.

SENATOR NICHOL: Excuse me. Senator Beutler, for what reason do you arise?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, a point of order.

SENATOR NICHOL: State your point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, as I've looked at those committee amendments they essentially struck the whole bill and proposed an entirely separate bill so it seems to me that these amendments are germane to the bill but not germane to the committee amendments which deal only with minor portions of the bill and I would ask that they be ruled not germane to the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, would you like to respond to that?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes. For the convenience of members of the Legislature, what I did with the amendments was rewrite the whole bill so you could read it, so that it wouldn't be like so many amendments that get offered here which says, change 2 to 4 in the thirteenth line, add "the", and you never figure it out. In effect, they only change three things as Senator Koch himself said, rather minor changes in some respects. The reprinting of the entire bill was for the convenience of the Legislature. So there is no question in my mind that the amendments are germane. At the same time I don't care whether we adopt them to the committee amendments or separate. I repeat again, I did that for your convenience and the convenience of members of the Legislature. I hate to open amendments and read nonsense about changing something in line something