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SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thanks. With that being the case I wouldn't hesitate to support the amendments or to override the Speaker, not because I want to do it but because I think that does establish bad practice. But if the amendments can be adopted and put in the right section, I wouldn't object to it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it appears to me that we are putting a revenue raising bill into a bill which was not intended for a revenue raising bill. It does seem to me that the Chair is correct even on the substance of the matters and I would certainly support the Chair's ruling.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beyer. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I can understand why Senator Kremer and Senator Chambers would like to see this ruling overturned. However, I rise in support of the ruling of the Chair. I think it is clear that at this time with ten days left in the session you are going to see all kinds of attempts to take bills that are not coming through amended into other bills and what you could have is a strange configuration of legislation that could run the gamut, I think, even though it may be in the same section maybe you can have a strain of resemblance in terms of subject matter. You get into all kinds of problems when you have a bill that starts out to be a triple trailer bill, get involved in the changes in farm truck regulations and I think the amendment Senator Kremer would like to have, then you've got radar which Senator Chambers would like to have, and you've got all this in one bill. One of the concepts this Legislature has been very proud of is that each piece of legislation has basically one subject matter. Now if you construe that in a broad sense, that is not so bad as long as it is one general subject matter, but you are talking about very broad differences in approach and subject matter in these cases as to the amendments that are now pending on this bill. I don't think you want to see that happen. It causes all kinds of concerns, especially for those of us who are very concerned, for instance, with the original piece of legislation before us are now faced with an amendment that many of us can support. I supported the bill out of committee and I support it at this time. We're putting it now onto a bill that I very much dislike, then you add perhaps another piece...maybe you like both of them but you have the radar amendment that Senator Chambers is going to be proposing that may get added