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to this bill and you don't like that, for instance, and you like the other two sections and you have a situation when you get too many subjects you get all kinds of crosswinds involved and I don't think you want to try and have that at this point. We have got a bill. We have got a subject, let's stick with it and let's decide whether we want to go with it or not. Let's not talk about other amendments at this point, and it is going to be the same problem time after time the last few days of this session. Senator Clark has set a precedent. I think we should follow it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I happen to support 408 and I happen to support the amendment that Senator Kremer is attempting to insert in 408. But I do think that we are about to set a precedent that might be rather dangerous later on. I believe the action that this body has taken in the past that two different chapters of the statutes were not germane should be a precedent that we should continue with. Now as Senator Chambers pointed out, we do have bills that do deal with both sections or in more than one section of the statutes. But I think those bills generally are introduced that way. We had an appropriations bill just last week that dealt in a whole number of sections of the statutes, as a matter of fact, and I wondered about that at the time you know under the one provision ruling of the bills that we deal with. But I think there is a difference. If a bill is introduced with more than one section of the statutes, has a public hearing on that same issue on those two difference sections, I think that is different than if we amend them on the floor. And as some other people have pointed out, if we open the door to this sort of thing, I think we could have a whole host of amendments that may or may not be germane and I will admit that there is a good argument to be made that there could be germaneness here even though there are different sections. But I believe the past rulings from the Chair have been right and I think that the Chair is right in this instance and that the Chair shouldn't be overridden.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to also argue that the Chair should be sustained. Up until this point in the session I think we have been on solid ground in terms of the procedures we have used in the Legislature and in terms of following our procedures. We are getting to the point in the legislative process now that we are all getting a little panicky about