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SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, here is what I have to say about that. Had the type of rationale that Senator Landis is making an appeal for at this late hour been the rationale that had been established in the beginning for the purpose of determining germaneness, I would not have even offered some of the amendments that I have offered to this particular bill. But, remember, I am the one who argued that subject matter should determine germaneness but they were going to make it a matter of Chapter. Even if the two things dovetail, the fact that they came from different Chapters would render them not germane. So the mechanist's means, the mechanical means of determining germaneness was not done by me. It was argued against by me and I stated the other day that all I need to know is what the rules are that we are going to play by. I was told what rules we are going to play by by being voted down when I tried to overrule the Chair for making it such a mechanical type of rule but, nevertheless, that is what it was. Now I am going in accord with what was stated as the rule. If the body chooses to disregard that, I say that you ought not just disregard it in this one case. You set the precedent already. If you take what Senator Landis is saying now, then you are going to overturn that precedent and I would hate to be on the floor at a time in the future during this session when you go back to the way you used to do it because you have gotten around me. If that is done, then I will have to find another way to encumber the activities of the Legislature. I am trying to find out whether the rules apply for all of us all the time, or whether they apply a certain way when a certain bill belonging to a certain person and represents a certain interest is to be handled. So I think based on the rule that had been set, this is germane. How much closer can you get to 28-106 than 28-105, and certainly those two are closer together, I say again, than 28-106 and 39, whatever it was, that you allowed to be amended by a Chapter 28-106 provision.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chambers, at this late date in the session, I am going to be quite strict on germaneness. I think it is essential that we do that in order to get the issues before us that should be before us. I am going to rule it not germane. Senator Chambers, do you have anything to say?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, it is a debatable motion but I move to overrule the Chair and what I had to say I have already stated.

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