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that has been the rule. I would suggest that the Chair rule this out of order on the basis of germaneness and that we begin the final six days with this understanding, that the Chapter be used as one of the indices of the germaneness of a proffered amendment but that it is not the only one. However, germaneness will be decided on the proclivity of those two subject matters, that of the amendment and that of the bill that is being discussed, and whether or not there is a rational connection between the two on the subject matter so that the amendment is in furtherance of the principle of the bill. I would offer my objection on that basis and hope the Chair would rule, and in so ruling, lay down a test that we would be utilizing in the last six days. I, too, share Senator Chambers' concern that in the last several days we'll have bills amended into bills for which there is no rational connection other than a numerical similarity and I, too, would object to that as well. I offer this objection to the Chair.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair rules the amendment not germane. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I am one who learns from experience and I think the writing is on the wall so I am not going to do anything.

SENATOR LAMB: The next motion then, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The next amendment I have is offered by Senator Stoney.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just had a page circulate the amendment I am offering. If you will refer to the white copy, it is an amendment to Request #2666. It is Request #1800. What it does simply is to establish a minimum penalty for those persons who would drive on a suspended license. Now presently there is no minimum penalty established in statute for such an individual, and if you adopt this amendment, first offense, if a person were picked up and convicted of such an offense, would provide for a \$250 fine and a revocation of that driver's license for one year. It is presently a Class III misdemeanor. On the second or subsequent offense, it would be a Class II misdemeanor. The penalty would increase to a dollar amount of \$500 and a license revocation for a period of three years. This not only would address those who would be convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol but would address everyone who would drive with

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