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hey, we made a mistake last night. I don't think that is a slap at my good friend, Ernie. Senator Chambers, I don't because...and I remind Senator Chambers that I was one of those people that were voting with Senator Chambers last night. I guess I would try to appeal to your conscience, and let's admit to ourselves that we were reacting last night at a late hour because we were tired and we were angry, we were reacting to an emotional issue in a fashion that wasn't responsible, wasn't reasonable, and we are trying to carry that same irrationality out today, and that is wrong. I think the majority of us recognize that we were making a mistake last night, "we" meaning the group in total, and that we shouldn't perpetuate that mistake, and admit that we made a mistake, and not overrule the Chair in this issue.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I guess I would like like the others to give my analysis of what should be done and why. Basically, I think that the rulings last night were absolutely correct. You cannot go flatly by chapter because it is patently ridiculous, whether you are talking about the education section which is all of Chapter 79 or whether you are talking about the probate code. So it is correct I think, the chapter can only be used as one of the indices to determine germaneness. Now, if you look at 933, in my bill book, at least, all 933 has to do is eliminating a book that the fire people were required to publish. That is all it does. That is the only change it makes, drops one publication of one little fire prevention book that was distributed in the schools. Okay, the amendments that we are attaching to this bill are obviously much, much larger in scope and have to do with completely different subject matter. So to me what should be done today is to maintain the rational, the more rational discussion that we had on germaneness last night, to declare these not germane and then for Senator Koch...you are not going to believe you are hearing this from me, move to suspend the rules to return these for a specific amendment despite the fact that they are not germane. And I guess that I think that that is an appropriate move in this case because what we are really talking about is not germaneness but the emergency situation that exists. The real question is, are these items of such an emergency nature that we should suspend the rules and deal with them despite the fact that they are not germane, despite the fact that they are circumventing the priority bill rule, despite a number