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one. It is the same chapter, and it provides protection for a Class VI school district. Presently the law says if a certain area is annexed by petition, they are protected by vote of the people. This merely strikes the words "annexed by petition" and then allows those schools that are annexed by election the same protection. That is all it does. So I invite your consideration. It is the same chapter. The Chair will have to rule if we are not...if it is germane. We are talking somewhat on the same subject matter. I think it is a spirit of fairness that we are providing the same protection to all schools and not just to those that came in by petition. I move the bill be returned for this specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a ruling on the germaneness of the amendment. I hate to get into this again but I think that what we did earlier was reaffirm the fact that the chapter is not the overriding consideration, that it is simply one indication of germaneness, and for that reason Senator Koch went back and suspended the rules to try to adopt his amendments despite the fact that they were not germane. It was an acknowledgement that they were not germane and he asked the body to suspend the rules because of the emergency nature of his amendments, and that is what we did. And we did that wisely and avoided...avoided making a bad decision on germaneness. And again, Senator Kremer, would you be willing to do that, to change your proposition to a motion to suspend the rules on the basis that this is an emergency measure?

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Beutler, in my opinion, it is an emergency because there is a danger as Grand Island and some of the other cities move out into the area where the Class VI school districts are. It could happen this next year. It may and it may not, and so I think perhaps you are wise in advising me we should take that route, and I am willing to take that route. And I will change my motion.

PRESIDENT: So you will withdraw your original motion.

SENATOR KREMER: I will withdraw the original motion and move that the rules be suspended....

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR KREMER:and the bill be brought back for the specific amendment.