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because they have to apply that to all organizations and committees but I would say that part of it is not germane. How you separate that I do not know. Senator Nichol, you have a quizzical look on your face.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I just wondered if you were going to split the question or germane rule, part of it germane and part of it not germane and if so, are we going to deal with the germane part only or the entire....?

PRESIDENT: This is the problem that if you deal with it, how do you separate, how do you divide? You cannot divide the motion to return. That is the problem.

SENATOR NICHOL: Oh, so your ruling is what?

PRESIDENT: The ruling is is that the bill for the most part is germane except the references to the...which I see no reference to Chapter 44 in the bill itself so I would say at this point, I would say that it is germane even though it is a whole new bill, really. That has got nothing to do with germaneness.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I fail to see how insurance laws which have nothing to do with health care, I mean nothing to do with these sections are germane but if that is the ruling of the Chair I will cede. I would like just to ask the Legislature to watch carefully what is going on here and it is difficult for me to grasp with the subject because I haven't had a chance to review Senator Schmit's amendments, but so far as I could tell, Senator Schmit's amendments rewrite LB 835 which is Senator Wiitala's uniform reporting bill and that bill, I believe, Senator Wiitala, is pending on Final Reading. Is it not? So Senator Wiitala's hospital reporting bill was amended substantially, put into a workable shape by the Public Health and Welfare Committee and is resting on Final Reading. From what I can gather with a quick scan of Senator Schmit's summaries, his amendments are totally different than LB 835 which the Legislature has already advanced from Select File. His bill deals with insurance which the Chair has already said is not germane but for some strange reason we are considering the amendments anyway. I don't understand the insurance provisions of this amendment. Mr. President, I have no choice but to request a division of the question on all six of the issues which Senator Schmit is talking about. I respectfully request for a division of the question on all six areas that Senator Schmit is discussing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan, there would be no way to divide this at this point. You could if it ever got to the amendment. It can be divided once you get to the amendment and clear this...

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