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LB 520

SENATOR CLARK: Where is Senator Johnson? Is he here? Do you have a reason to think it is germane?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: LB 520 deals with the amendments with child care licensing. LB 520 as originally introduced dealt with licensing and with education and with financing. This amendment is probably not germane to the bill as it is currently amended but I would have to say that the amendment is germane to the bill as I originally introduced it way back in 1981. That is my honest opinion.

SENATOR CLARK: Then you don't think it is germane?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I don't think the amendment is germane to the bill in its current form in all truthfulness. We've taken all education out of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is germane. We have used the article rule as an outside reference but in recent times we've been more reasonable about it and we've looked at the subject matter and I don't think there is any way that you could say that child care is related to Christian schools. I mean, you really have to be stretching the point, don't you?

SENATOR CLARK: I'm inclined to agree. I don't think the subject matter is the same, the chapters certainly aren't the same and I'm going to rule it not germane. Now if you want to challenge that you can do that. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, then I would move to suspend the rules and allow me to take up the amendment and in defense of that I would say, it deals with the Department of Education and the only Chapter 79 involvement is that they can waive certain requirements of that particular chapter but it's authority to the Department of Education.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, the question before the House then is suspension of the rules. Is there debate on that? Would you clear the board, please. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to argue strenuously that you not suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing a complete rewrite of the Christian school bill again. We have been through the Christian school bill. It has failed on Select File. What we're doing with this attempt is to elevate a bill that has failed once on Select File over a whole number of bills that