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move to amend the DeCamp amendment #2 by striking its contents and inserting the following: Only bills relevant to the purposes for which the session has been called shall be considered during this special session.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers. This is speaking to that amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I tend to agree with the idea that Senator DeCamp is trying to address. He is trying to address the situation we don't expand the call or to expand the areas that we are dealing with but it seems to me that within this same area that we are dealing that we should be able to, the members of this Legislature that would have some ideas as to how the budget process might be able to be changed should be able to introduce bills along that line. I think...I don't agree with Senator Chambers. Personally I don't think that special sessions are a great idea anyway and I don't like to open it up to every type of legislative idea that we might come up with. But it does seem that it is our responsibility as members of the Legislature representing the public of the State of Nebraska to be able to introduce a bill relevant to the subject that we have before us. So I would move the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I would suggest that that is not an amendment. That is to strike my entire proposal which he can do by voting against it. What he is reciting is what the Constitution already says, what the laws of the state already are that in a special session everything has to be relevant to what the Governor said. So that certainly couldn't be called an amendment and even germane, I think. It is maybe a separate proposal to kill my proposal here so he should do that by voting against it. I don't even think that amendment is germane and I would ask a ruling of the Chair. That is like...well you know what it is like. It is something I might try.

PRESIDENT: Well by the same token, Senator DeCamp, you can vote down the amendment to the amendment and...

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...amendment, I would oppose the amendment since the Chair doesn't want to rule it nongermane. What he is doing is saying, "strike the amendment" and that is it. The substantive law is already there in the Constitution and other laws for what he is saying and you have to be relevant to the thing. So I urge you to reject the amendment. My purpose is to restrict and I will be very