

session. I do not recall a germaneness question being brought up before, and he is also right, that as the session goes on and bills are not, that we like, are not coming forward as quickly as possible, we attempt to leapfrog over the system and offer them under the color of amendment. I also would like to commend the Speaker. The Speaker consistently since he has sat in the Chair has ruled in favor of a very, very narrow concept of germaneness. I know that there have been criticisms of individuals who sit in the Chair from time to time that they aren't consistent in that ruling. This Speaker is. Unfortunately, he has been ruling in a consistent manner in a fashion with which I disagree. He has been ruling in an incredibly narrow sense on what constitutes germaneness. Senator Moore made a good point where he said that merely opening up a section of the statute is not enough to make it germane. I think he is correct in that. Just to say it is in the same section is not enough of an argument, but when it accomplishes basically the same thing as...his amendment accomplishes basically the same type of thing as the bill itself, it is germane. What we are dealing with in this section of the statute is what types of transactions, what types of items will constitute taxable income, what will not constitute taxable income. Senator Chizek is offering us a bill that says that money put into a savings plan for use for college students shall not be taxable income. Senator Wehrbein and Senator Schmit are saying income garnered from the interest on municipal bonds purchased prior to a given date shall not be taxable income. We are defining what is taxable income, what is not taxable income. It is germane. It is perfectly clear to me it is a germane item that should be considered within this bill. Senator Moore and I were discussing, I don't think he will object to my using this as an example, under this sort of ruling on germaneness, his motion the other day, which I supported, dealing with changing the name of Class VI schools, would not have been a germane amendment to Senator Robak's bill dealing with building authority of Class VI schools, although it was all in the Class VI section of the statute. I would question if, when we debate LB 79 here or 89 here in a few days dealing with teachers salaries, an amendment to raise administrators salaries would be considered a germane amendment. Or an amendment to require teachers to do a particular item to qualify for this may not even be considered to be a germane amendment. In order for this Legislature to craft legislation taking into consideration several different nuances of the same area of policy, it is important that we be able to offer amendments and that those