

Section 7, 3(d) on what constitutes a nongermane amendment. "A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject or accomplishes substantially different purpose than that of the original bill to which it is proposed." In a sense, you could say that any bill related to a judge, no matter what level he or she operates on, is germane to any other bill dealing with a judge, but there are different laws, different procedures that govern the juvenile court to those that govern all the other courts. It is a different section of statute and, Mr. President, it is my unpleasant duty, in trying to help us maintain the integrity of our system of legislating, to ask for a ruling as to whether or not Senator Ashford's amendment is germane to LB 147.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, any comment?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Separate juvenile court judges, Mr. President, are district court judges. They are paid the same amount as district court judges, and the appeals from the district court to the Supreme Court and the separate juvenile court to the Supreme Court are the same procedure. When we set up the separate juvenile court in 1960, I believe it was, we were dealing with, or we were setting up courts which had separate jurisdictions, but we gave the judges of the separate juvenile court and the district court similar procedural powers and paid them the same. We are...the fact that they are included in...the juvenile court section is in another section is historical, I think, rather than all that acute or important. I think we are dealing with judges of the district court level right below the Supreme Court and, though the section numbers may be different, I think in substance they are the same, and this bill...well, that would be my point.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other comments? Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: I would just echo Senator Ashford's comments, Mr. President. This...just juvenile courts deal with district court, so they are both essentially the same as the current bill, 147.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anyone else care to speak to the matter? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to be out of order