

thought we'd try it. (Laughter.)

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Labeledz,...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Are you questioning the germaneness?
(Laughter.)

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Labeledz, if you were in the Chair and we would ask you to rule on the germaneness, how would you rule?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well I was supposed to be up in the Chair and Senator Barrett did ask Senator Lamb to go up in the Chair. I will admit I would have said it's not germane.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you for being so honest. So I'll ask the Chair for a ruling on this.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair rules that the amendment is not germane.

SENATOR LABEDZ: And, Senator Hefner, I respectfully withdraw the amendment. (Laughter.)

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment is withdrawn. Back to the committee amendments at this point. Senator Hartnett, did you wish to address the committee amendments?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, Senator Lamb and members of the body, I simply think that one of the...we did a couple of years ago...Senator Chizek's bill and 775, I think it was Revenue Committee or Senator Vard Johnson, we passed two very, very important bills for this state as far as tax incentive for businesses. What we have discovered that because of this carryover from year to year with 270 has not been used, and I think we need to congratulate Senator Rogers for bringing this bill forward because it does, with the committee amendments, take care of some of the problems and help small business. Like Senator Hall said earlier, that's the roots of this state, along with agriculture, is the small businessman, that's where...makes the engine go of the state, of the economy of the state. So I think that I support the committee amendments, I support the bill. I think it's really...clears up some problems we had with businesses being able to use LB 270 we had a couple of years ago. Thank you.