

amend the Employment Expansion Investment Incentive Act, which Senator Wesely has referred to, and then the amendments, the committee amendments are simply an amplification and, as stated, clarify some of the changes which were made to that act by LB 270 in 1987. The Wesely amendment, 1209, as I read it quickly, authorizes the fiscal office to evaluate and report on the impact of 270 and 775 of two years ago. I think the amendment does grow logically out of the subject matter, and the committee amendments make it more difficult because they do add clarifying language. But I believe, under the strict rules that I have been using up to this time, I would probably come down on the side of it not being germane, one of the reasons is the reason stated, different sections of law, and this is one of the standards that we do use, that the Chair uses. It's a very, very close call. In this case I rule that the amendment is out of order. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: You can guess, I'd move to overrule the Chair, if you don't mind, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That is your privilege. Thank you. Do you wish to speak to the challenge, Senator Wesely? You may speak once.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. If I was leaning, as you're making your comments, I'd have been all over the place, and I agree, it was a tough call. I'm not at all angry and I can understand your viewpoint, that would be consistent with your ruling. I again make the argument on the floor that we have been too restrictive in what we consider for amendments on the floor. Our job is to do the business of the state in representing the public good, and there are....Certainly if we can have in this bill an increase in the benefits and credits under LB 1124, it sure makes sense to me that we can also increase the accountability and disclosure under LB 1124. They deal with the same act. They deal with trying to provide, I think, an improvement in that act. And I can't see why we can't proceed and discuss the issue. I think it all ties together and I do honestly feel that we have been too restrictive, too afraid to deal with some of the issues involved with all of these matters. And in my estimation, again, I've passed out other materials, but we're too easily, I think, willing to provide whatever we're asked for down here to improve business and economic development. I'm very much for that and worked very hard for it. But we also have to, on occasion, ask for an accounting and