

think it would be very unwise for the Legislature to do this thing. But I'm going to ask the Chair for a ruling. Mr. Chairman, this bill, LB 330 had the specific design of allowing an arrest in the case of the violation of a protective order. This amendment is radically different from that by requiring, without any order from any court, an arrest without a warrant. I would like to have a ruling as to whether or not this amendment is germane.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I do point out that this does amend 29-404.02, which is specifically in the first page of the bill, that exact, same section.

PRESIDENT: I'm going to rule that this is germane based on the fact that it's related and it's pretty close to what we're talking about here. Senator Chambers. Okay. We're back to the Pirsch amendment. Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you wish to talk on the Pirsch amendment? All right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment that is now being handed out is technically LB 218. So, for those of you that have been wondering where the amendment is, or what the amendment has, it should be on your desk at this point, or it's LB 218, which is...was still in the...is still now in the Judiciary Committee. What we have in the State of Nebraska...this deals with domestic violence. There are two basic bills that were introduced this session on domestic violence, LB 330, which is before us now, and LB 218 which was also introduced as a companion bill with LB 330. LB 218 was not advanced, nor was it killed. And Senator Pirsch and I have, for discussion sake, brought this amendment to the floor for discussion, knowing that it could be somewhat controversial. There are many situations out in Nebraska at this particular point. We have a law on the books and the law on the books is confusing to law enforcement officials. In some counties and some cities, such as Lincoln's county, police have done a more aggressive role and interpreted that they may arrest in certain situations, or they can arrest in certain situations on domestic violence. Other counties, such as in my home county, Lincoln County, and other counties throughout the western part of the state, they have not aggressively interpreted the law. They felt uncomfortable with aggressively interpreting the law. They wanted the law to specifically say