

and, of course, the substantially different purpose, a two-pronged test. Based on the action taken by this body last week, it occurs to the Chair that the second section of our germaneness rule has now been deleted, the second part of the test. Therefore, a nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject, period. The second part of the test is no longer applicable. In the judgment of the Chair, based on the new rule that we're now operating under, the amendment offered by Senator Lindsay would be germane. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I do not see ...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, are you challenging the Chair?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I don't think there are 25 people here, Mr. President, so I don't think I will do that at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Well, unless there is a challenge, this is not...we will not debate it. Is there anyone that cares to challenge the Chair? Thank you, the ruling stands. We are then discussing the Lindsay amendment to LR 8. There are a number of lights on, let me go through those lights. Senator Abboud, please wave off. Okay, thank you. Discussion, please, Senator Abboud, followed by Senators Kristensen, Moore and Pirsch.

SENATOR ABBODD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to oppose Senator Lindsay's amendment. We had a good discussion on this issue in Judiciary Committee and I think it has probably been around much longer than I believe that I have been in the Legislature in that the Supreme Court used to look at those issues in panels. Even though they had seven members, they still divided up for a while and it didn't work out too well and so they came back to the Legislature with a number of different approaches. I don't know how many of you are aware, I know members on the Appropriations Committee are aware of this problem in that the Supreme Court in years past requested additional law clerks to try to deal with the problem of the caseload that they had to deal with. They found that even though they increased the amount of clerks that it still...the courts still could not keep up with the amount of filings that were taking place in this state. I think we would all agree that Nebraska is a reflection of America in that we are involved in litigation to settle our disputes and I think that's probably