

jumping ahead of everybody else's legislation in addition to being a situation where we have not had a public hearing. So it seems to me that in two or three different respects this represents very bad internal policy to allow an amendment of this nature to be considered at this point in time. And having made those arguments, and going at this procedurally the best way I can at this particular point in time, I would ask for a ruling from the Chair on the question of the germaneness of the amendment, particularly how...I'll withdraw that motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, I'll now recognize Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I mentioned to Senator Withem if this amendment came into some, any controversy that I would withdraw it and I will tend to do so. Senator Beutler, I will also bring to your attention that yes, you've had experience in the past and if you draw on that experience, one of the things that you will notice is that we as a body seem to be very, very prudent to the rules in the beginning, but I'll be watching with interest as the session goes and bills get bogged down on General File with no priority, I'll be watching with interest, Senator Beutler and other senators, as we try to make the amendments, bills into other bills and try to roll them at the end to get things passed and of course that will be okay because time is pressing and as the senator, I think Senator Beutler realizes that the point of taking one bill and amending it into another bill as "bastardizing the system" is a good argument the first couple of days of session. It will be a lousy argument the last two weeks of the session but that is how the procedure goes and with that I will withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. The amendment is withdrawn and we'll proceed with debate on LB 59 and the motion to advance. I will now recognize Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Madam President and members, I rise to oppose the amendment for a couple of reasons. One is that I think we would have inconsistency among counties.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb, the amendment has been withdrawn, so just ask for comments and debate on the motion to advance.

SENATOR LAMB: I don't want to do that. Thank you.