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that decision, do I want to vote for what the amendment does or does not do, what we're talking about this morning is the germaneness rule, and for those of you who would take out your rule books and who have not seen this year's new edition of the rule book, I point you to the bottom of page 53 where it talks about no motion different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment. What we're really looking at here is we're not adding an amendment to the bill. The purpose of germaneness is so we don't clutter it with a couple of different subjects so that when we're talking about child support we don't put in something dealing with the State Roads Department. Germaneness has a purpose and the purpose is to direct the discussion so that we don't clutter it. We want to deal with the same area of law. We go on and talk about the details of a specific subject. Germaneness here, it is germane because Senator Warner is taking something out of the bill. He is not adding to it. He is not cluttering to it in any manner. Now the discussion of whether should we do that or not, that will be discussed and whatever the body decides to do is what we're going to live with but the present time we're talking about the germaneness rule and I fail to see how it is anything but germane to subtract a subject from the bill particularly when the political subdivisions and the state are affected by LB 88. Those subjects are in the bill. They are covered by the bill in 88. If the bill covers them, they are a part of that subject matter, then the germaneness rule must allow you to take that out. The vote then becomes whether that is good policy to do, we'll have that discussion. With that, I would urge the overruling of the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Before we proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. In the south balcony we have 65 students and their teacher from the Belmont School who are guests of Senator Landis. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thanks for being with us. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Believe me, I do not want to let subdivisions off the hook or the state. I think they should be under the same standards and rules that we hold the general public and business to. I don't think the public is aware yet of what dramatic changes are within LB 88 and I think