

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Chambers talks about subverting the rules. This is not a substantive debate on the merits of Senator Schimek's motion. This is a procedural vote on whether you can take a subject such as what she is proposing and add it onto the court bill, onto LB 732. Senator Chambers is accurate in this manner. One, this is a comprehensive bill. It's comprehensive because it changes the manner in which appeals are made. It deals with the procedure of appeals. It deals with which court will get the bills and it has to, by its very nature, say that the judges are going to be selected. Nowhere in this bill do we deal with the selections and the details of the selections of a judge who does not open up the open meetings law. It does not open up the judicial nominating commission which is the procedure that they want to change. Nowhere does it deal with the statutes. In fact, if you look at Senator Haberman's bill and the statute numbers that Senator Haberman's bill dealt with, those are nowhere found on the front two pages, front three pages of LB 732. You look through LB 732, deals with a number of statutes, it doesn't deal with that bill. It doesn't deal with the amendment that Senator Schimek wants. Now germaneness in the rules talks about this. Germane amendments relate only to the details of the specific subject of the bill. There are no specific details in here and the subject. This does not open up the area. If that was true, if we'd follow that, I'll just open up here one. We deal with the district court of Lancaster County on page 15. I just opened it up. Does that mean that you can put an amendment about Lancaster County District Court and about procedures and so on? No, of course not. This is just another forum, ladies and gentlemen. I understand that it's a large bill. I understand it gives you the opportunity to take the shots at the court that you want to take. You'll have other people who are going to talk on this germaneness issue and they're going to want to vote to make it germane so they can take their shot at the court. I submit to you, Senator Chambers, don't you subvert the rules just for the purposes of having a forum. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there anyone else wishing to discuss the overruling of the Chair? Seeing no other lights on, Senator Chambers, you can only address this once and you've already had...oh, no, you haven't had your time. You had your opening. You may do it. You may discuss it.