

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I may be able to finish everything I want to say in this five minutes. Senator Kristensen did not deal at all with the matter that I raised. He did not deal at all with the fact that this bill specifies how judges of the appellate court will be selected. If you did not put language in this bill dealing with how they are to be selected, there would be no law covering that. So when you have to put into the law how a thing is to be done, that methodology has to be subject to amendment. Otherwise, you're saying that you can write a bill which is immune to amendment. Every proposition that comes before us can be amended. Every proposition, according to our rules, is subject to be amended. If it was not necessary to state how these judges are to be selected, why was that put into the bill? If it were not, there would be no procedure for selecting them. These appellate court judges are foreign to the Nebraska statutes and they will be taken note of only if this bill is passed. There are provisions determining how all categories of judges are to be selected. Appellate court judges are not in that category or any of those categories. This bill is the only statute that tells how those judges are to be selected. So if this bill establishes the method by which those judges are to be selected, how can it be a perversion of the rules to allow an amendment to the method by which judges are to be selected? What the Legislature is being asked to do by upholding the Chair is to show what happens when a bill of this nature comes before us. It is one that the Legislature is told it must pass. The horses are hitched to the carriage, blinders are put so that they can only look one direction and the only horse that can see is the one that is in front. All that the horses behind can see is that which I said. They see swaying rumps and tails and that's all and they just follow those rumps. And a lot of times when you follow a rump you find yourself being made into a rump and that is what the Legislature is having done to itself today or what the Legislature is doing to itself today. This is not a bill that is in the interest of the public. Because it is not in the interest of the public, our rules are going to be set aside and disregarded. There will be other matters on which somebody will raise the issue of germaneness and if the issue to be amended is one that a substantial number of the body are in favor of amending, the ruling will be that it is germane. We've seen it happen and it will happen again. But this time we should overrule the Chair. This motion does apply to the language of the bill. If this motion does not apply to the subject matter with which it deals, no amendment applies to