

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Then I will just wait until everybody else has had a chance to speak.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, thank you. Senator Abboud, that also applies to you. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. Members, I'm just going to take a couple of seconds here and then I'm going to give the balance of my time to Senator Beutler. This is kind of a tough question but I have to rise in support of the motion to overrule. I do oppose the amendment. I think there are very valid reasons for that. But, as far as on germaneness, I think it is within the...within the scope of the bill. Like I say, I think when we get to the amendment itself I will be taking the other position but I do think it's germane. And, with that, I will give the balance of my time to Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. I just wanted to make one more quick point that had not been made and which I failed to make last time. The reference that Senator Schimek is making in this particular case is to the open meetings law. Now think about the implications of supporting the Chair in this case. If you're going to support the Chair, that means that any time anybody introduces a bill creating a board, an agency, a commission, and fails to put in that bill a reference to the open meetings law, then by this precedent you're going to be precluded from ever putting the open meetings law or ever adding those provisions to any new board or agency created because it won't be germane, it can't be amended. Now you're putting yourself in a ridiculous...we're putting ourselves in a ridiculous position if we do that. I would also point out quickly that the old argument with regard to section numbers doesn't apply in this case. Section numbers, that argument, to the extent that it's legitimate in any event, always was used when the bill itself referred to section numbers and then the matter to be amended in was not the same section number. In this particular case, you're creating a whole new entity. There are not existing section numbers, I would argue, and, therefore, the whole section number correlation argument does not even apply in this particular case. So I hope you will consider that too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Seeing no one else