

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for a ruling on the issue of germaneness. The bill, itself, is on the subject of appraisers. It has nothing to do, whatsoever, with NIFA or with bond issues. It does not deal with the same section of statutes. It does not deal with the same subject matter. It does not relate to the details of the specific subject of the bill. It is not in the natural, logical sequence of the subject matter. It is, in fact, very nongermane.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit, would you like to respond before I rule?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I would be glad to respond. An amendment becomes germane, Mr. President, and members, as we all know when 25 members of this body say it is germane. I do not object to Senator Beutler with raising the issue. I do object to the refusal of this body to address an issue from which we can no longer hide. We have equivocated, we have vacillated, we have apologized, we have alibied, we have run for cover time after time, after time when the heat is on and our tails are in the crack. Ladies and gentlemen, we will either address this issue today or we will address it at another time. I do not intend to move to override the Chair if he rules against me, but I will tell you that the issue will come back again on some other bill. I believe it is just as well we address it at this time. This bill does nothing except this, ladies and gentlemen, this amendment does this. It says that First Executive Life of California will repay the bonds that are due and owing on March of 1993, as they agreed to, and that there shall be no provision, no exceptions, no way they can roll them over, and we are providing for once in our life, for once in the last seven years, at least, some assurance that this State of Nebraska is going to take an interest in what our quasi agencies do, whether it is the compact, whether it is the NDIGC, whether it is NIFA, whether it is any other entity. It may well be the Nebraska Ethanol Authority which now is in the process of having \$20 million to loan. We have many banks in this state, ladies and gentlemen, who do not loan the kind of money which NIFA has available to them, and we are not exercising proper authority and proper oversight and I think it is time we do. You can say I voted that the issue wasn't germane. I want to tell you this, my colleagues, if you vote against this amendment as being nongermane, you are not voting on the issue, you are voting to hide from the issue, and I believe that is not a very credible thing for us to do. I want to say this, the time will come, if