

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Chambers, Kristensen, Lamb, and Horgan.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Madam President, I challenge the germaneness of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to address the grounds for that challenge.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think they are pretty self-evident. We've got a bill before us that technically is LB 719, the issue before us is totally unrelated, and I can go along only so far. But at this point, this time in the session I think germaneness needs to be challenged.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, there are all kinds of different things in this bill now, and everybody knows that. To raise the issue of germaneness at this point is the height of hypocrisy. Rule as you must.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I'm going to rule that it is germane. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, I'm supporting what Senator Beutler is attempting to do, despite what Senator Byars has indicated. We're not talking here about the facts of a case, or any proceedings that were engaged in by officials. We're not trying to make a decision based on some action by officials. We are talking about the way a case was captioned by one of the parties. Senator Beutler handed out a sheet with a host of cases that had been filed. It's one thing to say that a person is being given an advantage by changing the law in such a way that it would have a bearing on the facts of the case. If our passing this law were to say that certain evidence which was admissible prior to our passing the law would not be admissible, I would not support it. If it said that evidence, which was not admissible, would now be admissible, I would not support it. If the court had made a ruling on the merits of the case, there would not be any way we could change that by way of a statute, and we wouldn't even want to do that. What Senator Beutler is attempting to do here is to open the doors of the court to an individual. Senator Byars did not have