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this germaneness, I am willing to divide the question. I would much rather do so than have the entire amendment passed over on a germaneness ruling. Now, those are the provisions of the amendment. I believe it's a friendly addition to LB 111 which makes a good crime-fighting bill even better by making it more complete. If there are any questions about the amendment, I will be happy to answer them. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this...this is one of the harder matters to deal with, I think, because we're getting into several complicated provisions of the criminal law, and I think this is one of the reasons why we should look very carefully at our germaneness rule and why we're doing things on Select File with very complicated pieces of legislation. The bill that Senator Pirsch is dealing with, of course, deals with theft offenses and this particular provision deals with bad checks and I suppose, really, the only connection is if you're going to say that you can open up the whole criminal code and talk about aggregation of offenses in the whole criminal code. I would have several questions, to begin with, from Senator Dierks, if you could respond, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I will try, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: With regard to the series of checks that can be aggregated, it's in a 180-day period in one jurisdiction. Is that the jurisdiction of a district court or the jurisdiction of a county or city, or what is the...what do you mean by in one jurisdiction?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I think...(interruption).

SENATOR BEUTLER: If somebody steals something in Lincoln and then in Omaha, is that...would that be included in the aggregation?

SENATOR DIERKS: I believe that's just supposed to be county.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it would be within the jurisdiction of the county, is what your intent would be in that regard, right?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's my information.