

enterprise zone which is a concept complete in itself. The railroad preservation district has nothing to do with the concept of an enterprise zone. The only possible link is that they both have something vaguely to do with economic development. But if that's going to be the basis of a germaneness ruling that it is germane, then we might as well forget about the germaneness rule altogether. So I would like to ask for a ruling on germaneness, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wickersham, a response, please.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Madam Chairman, I think Senator Beutler has pointed out the rationale for the combination of these provisions. LB 1214 and now this amendment clearly have to do with the economic development, economic well being of communities. The main bill, of course, takes a different tack in that it talks about state credits; what we are simply doing in that bill, what we would encourage in 1214, and that is the development or continuation of businesses, the creation or maintenance of jobs and the contribution in the case of the amendment. I am offering by the locals to that effort. The main bill also requires a contribution in the terms of \$500,000 for metropolitan cities, \$100,000 for other areas. I think we're talking about creating partnerships and LB 1214 is one tool to allow locals to create a partnership for the state to save railroad lines, as we would in the main bill to create jobs within designated areas. Again, the main bill calls for a creation of partnerships, so does the amendment I'm offering.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Beutler, I'm going to rule that the amendment is not germane. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam Chair, I would move to respectfully override your decision.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Does anyone wish to...Senator Wickersham, do you wish to speak further to that?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Madam President, I think we have adequately stated the rationale. We have, as the objective in LB 1214, of providing tools for locals to participate with the state and potentially with private businesses for the saving of