

jobs for economic well being of the areas affected. That is the subject matter in...of LB 1240 and I believe that that is a close enough connection for us to address this amendment. We have certainly, as Senator Hall noted, in this very session extended the germaneness rule into areas that would well be able to encompass the scope of what we are talking about with this amendment. I would simply urge that the Chair be overruled.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Does anyone else wish to speak? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, I rise to support the Chair. I do appreciate Senator Wickersham's comments about the...this has become the...although it's an enterprise zone bill, we have...we have...we're using the "Enterprise" for the Star Trek theory of the germaneness rule. This amendment, to be germane, has to go where no amendment has ever gone before in terms of a ruling for purposes of being germane. I clearly think that the Chair is correct in this case and would urge the body to support it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, I just wanted to reiterate quickly the fact that these two different propositions, the main bill and Senator Wickersham's proposition, have nothing in common whatsoever, no section of the statutes in common. One deals with railroads, one does not deal with railroads, couldn't conceivably deal with railroads. One has to do with bonds, the other has nothing to do with bonds. One has to do with creating special districts by vote of the people. The other one has nothing to do with vote of the people. There is no conceivable connection between these two except general economic development. And I would like to recommend that we support the Chair in this particular matter. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, I must speak on this matter to maintain my integrity. I wanted to stay out of this discussion but I think we're beyond just a consideration of the germaneness rule of the Legislature because, to be quite frank, that rule doesn't mean anything to me at all. I'm concerned about how the Supreme Court would rule and this instance, in my mind, could result in the court ruling