

Chair? Senator Horgan on overruling the Chair.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I would move along with Senator Lynch to overrule the Chair on this. Rule 7, Section 3(d) requires that germane amendments related only to details of the specific subject of the bill and must be a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject. The Nebraska Constitution, Article III, Section 14, requires the following: No bill shall contain more than one subject and the same shall be clearly expressed in the title. Senator Moore's amendment attempts to tack on his LB 252, which has been in the Transportation Committee for the last year and last two sessions. The differences between his amendment and his original bill, however, are quite striking in three respects. He does not attempt to change the age requirements for the helmet law, which he originally did in his bill, but instead attempts to lower the fine for motorcycle helmet violations from \$50 and court costs to \$25 and no court costs, and it attempts to take away the loss of one point for the motorcycle helmet law violation. The helmet fines and point language were not in Senator Moore's original bill, LB 252. This amendment is not only not germane, it involves two issues that have had public hearings and could have easily been addressed by the Legislature this session, especially because LB 958 was introduced and named as a priority bill on the first day of this session. By publicly discussing the bill, it would have been...which we did in November, by introducing the bill on the first day of the session and by taking a huge risk in naming this bill as my personal priority bill I made it clear to every opponent of this bill that this was a safety belt bill and that the helmet law bill were two extremely different subjects and that these two bills, with Senator Moore's bill and my bill, the understanding was that these were separate issues and they would be dealt with separately. Senator Moore is now trying to put these two together. They are not related and it is inappropriate for him to try and do that at this point. The motorcycle helmet people have ample opportunity to have legislation drafted and introduced to address their concerns regarding equality and the motorcycle helmet law. This law deals with safety belts in motor vehicles. Although this bill may be connected to the motorcycle issue sometimes because it happens to be in the same chapter of the statutes, there is no more unrelated issue than the motorcycle helmet issue. That battle was fought in 1988.