

have already spoken and you can only speak once on this motion. Seeing no other lights, Senator Lynch, you may close on your motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, from a liberal sense of the word I guess, every kind of safety measure can tie into another. If, in fact, this motion is germane then I intend yet to offer an amendment that will require that anyone riding bicycles on our public roads for safety purposes must wear a helmet. They can't wear a seat belt because there are no seat belts on bicycles and there are no seat belts on motorcycles, that I know of, and I was kind of curious if in that connection, in the amendment offered by Senator Moore where it says to allow a chin strap or other retention system to provide...to properly secure the helmet, is the same as the seat belt in a car to properly secure you in the seat. One holds the body in the seat and I guess the other holds the helmet on the head and I guess that's about as close as you can get to whether or not these are like issues. I wish I had explained my concern with its germaneness as well as Senator Horgan, but on...in Rule 7 and on page 51, the rule is clear. Germaneness amendments must relate only to details of specific subjects to the bill. I don't think a chin strap holding a helmet on the head has anything to do with a seat belt holding someone in the seat of your car. I think we do stretch the interpretation of the germaneness rule when this is considered seriously a germane amendment. I don't think that this was intended to help, obviously, the seat belt bill. The reason for the amendment is, obviously, to hurt it. Those of us who understand the seat belt vote the last time understand how the motorcyclists did their best to try to defeat the seat belt bill, thinking it might prevent the development of a motorcycle helmet law. I wonder if Senator Moore and those who support this amendment would agree that we should put two things on the ballot if we're going to do this. Rather than putting them in the same constitutional amendment, have separate amendments and see what might happen. I doubt they would be willing to do that. And so, for obvious reasons, I think that this amendment has been attached at this point in time to the seat belt bill as well. There is not a concern here for public safety at all, whether this is germane or not. This is another attempt in a cute way, a rather cute way, to do what we can to seriously affect the safety of those who ride in cars and ride in motorcycles in our state on our public roads. Passed out a document earlier that I'll talk about later on if, in fact, unfortunately, the germaneness motion is not overruled.