

attached. So my argument is that this repealer clause and one that would not even be as closely connected to the subject matter of this bill would be germane as an amendment to a bill. This does not alter the content of the bill in a way that could be considered contrary to the purpose of the bill. But a repealer clause is not an amendment to the text of the material of the bill and it can be carried by any other piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham, I apologize, I didn't ask you earlier why you feel that the bill is not...the amendment is not germane.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I think maybe Senator Chambers made the best answer to that with what I take it is a very expansive argument. I don't even know if...he might argue that repealer clauses then are eligible even for the one subject matter rule that I think he has always indicated is a true basis for germaneness. But, be that as it may, if Senator Chambers' argument is adopted, certainly I think there would be no bounds whatsoever either on the one subject matter rule or on the arguably more restrictive germaneness rule that we have always employed or that I've seen employed in this body. I don't believe that the amendment is germane because it repeals subject matter that is far afield from the content of LB 425. LB 830, as everybody recalls, deals with the condemnation of property and with the use of tax increment financing. The bill that we are considering, LB 425, deals with a pool of funds that may be used by the Governor subject to certain rules and regulations for specified projects under entirely different conditions and circumstances than anything that 830 would have contemplated. So I do not believe it is germane and would ask the Chair to rule accordingly.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wickersham, despite Senator Chambers' analysis, I am ruling that the amendment is germane based on Section 4 of LB 425, Section (c) dealing with the language that says, "to supplement existing economic development programs", and it is my determination that LB 830 is an existing economic development program. I rule the amendment germane. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the Chambers amendment to repeal LB 830, and acknowledge that my first reaction when asked