

SPEAKER WITHEM: Railroad right-of-way. At least...I have not done the analysis of the bill to make sure all of the sections are correct, but it would appear to me, Senator Beutler, as though these are five different subject matter areas, and the division would be appropriate. As the introducer of the amendment, Senator Beutler, you would be I believe authorized to indicate the order in which these divisions would be considered.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let's just take them up in the order from beginning to end, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The matter before the body right now then is division one of the committee amendments constituting Sections 1, 2, 20 and 21, that is the item under discussion at this time. I will recognize speakers in the order, there was a light turned on, I do not know if you wish to address this particular division of the bill or not. I will go through the list. Senator Hudkins. Senator Hudkins, your light is on, you're recognized to speak on division one of the committee amendment.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, my light originally went on to ask for a ruling from the Chair on the germaneness of the entire committee amendment. Am I out of order at this time? I still would like to do that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body at this point is Senator Hudkins is asking for a ruling on the germaneness of the committee amendment to the bill. Is that correct?

SENATOR HUDKINS: That's correct.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And can you state a rationale as to why you would question the germaneness.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Beutler stated in his opening, first off, that the amendments had nothing to do with the original bill. And according to the rules, the amendments must deal with the same subject. It is allowable for the committee to combine various bills under one bill, but they still must deal with the same subject, and that is Rule 3, Section 12, and also Rule 7, Section 3(d), no motion or proposition or subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. Germane amendments relate only to details of the