

specific subject of the bill and must be a natural and logical sequence to the same subject of the original proposal. The original proposal had to do with licensing of operators of motorboats and also dealt with driving a motorboat under the influence of alcohol, therefore I don't believe that any of these amendments from previous bills are germane.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Beutler, do you have a response to the question on germaneness?

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Senator, under our...under our previous and traditional manner of handling these things, I think these types of amendments are always germane. Now if we're going to get into the practice of not allowing committees ever to use carrier bills to deal with committee matters, then so be it, we can change the practice in the long-run and we'll go after all the bills that have been handled in that manner, and we'll go after all aspects of all bills that are not in accordance with the strict practice. The committee amendments are the committee's effort to put before the Legislature those ideas that are important in the area of recreation and that particular jurisdiction of the committee. And if this is the way we're going to deal with matters, we can change the way we deal with matters, but that's going to change a lot of other things, too.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. Let me confer with the Clerk here one second as to sections of the rules. Senator Beutler, Senator Hudkins, let me make my comments at this point. It's not a usual situation, so it took a few minutes to sort out the various issues. First of all, Senator Hudkins, I believe the matter before the body at this point is the first portion of the committee amendments, so the question is whether that is germane or not germane. It would be my sense that my ruling would probably carry over to the other divisions, but just to make it clear at this time we're only considering the one...the one item. Question...point number two as just a comment from the Chair is that I have looked at the rules, read the rules, I know there is a sense in the body that committee amendments are always germane. I do not share that interpretation. I think the committee still basically has to follow a generalized question...a general sense of germaneness, that they cannot put...have a bill that contains one subject matter and put something totally unrelated to that and get away with that simply because it's committee amendments. However, I think in this case this is a different practice. This is not a committee