

putting an unrelated matter, coupling it with an original subject that it is...to which it is not relevant. What the committee is attempting to do in this case is to gut LB 584, take away all of the original provisions and use its authority that generates under Section...Rule 3, Section 12 and put in...to do away with all provisions of the original bill and use that as a carrier. And I believe Senator Beutler is correct that that has been the practice in the past for committees to do that to expedite their business, to take a bill, gut the original contents and then put several items together that are in fact related to one another. And it appears to me as though these items are in fact related to one another. So I would rule that the...the amendment by the committee is in fact germane. I hope I shared some of my rationale with you as to why I feel that. Senator...Senator Beutler, you're recognized to speak on the first division. Senator Hudkins, were you seeking recognition? I couldn't tell if you were contemplating or if you were seeking recognition?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes, I guess I am, and I guess I should have done it...just stood up and raised my hand, raised a commotion before the division was made. I'm going to respectfully ask for an overruling of the Chair. Just because we've always done it that way doesn't mean that it's right. We have rules, we need to go by those rules or change them. To completely gut a bill and put in four or five more bills just to facilitate the committee's business I don't think is the way to do it. That's why we have priority designations, that's why we have committee priority designations, so we can take those bills which are the most important to us and advance those. These bills, although I could support some of them, are laudable. I don't believe that this is the way to do it, so I would respectfully ask to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion is to overrule the Chair. Each member has an opportunity to speak one time on this motion. Let me, for purposes of facilitating debate, quickly go through the list of people with their lights on, get a listing of who in fact wants to speak to the motion to override the Chair, and we will then do that. Senator Beutler, will you wish to speak to the motion to overrule?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock, will you? Senator Dierks, do