

day it looks like, from Senator Schimek and Senator Warner's district. Is there some epidemic going around or something I don't know about that we need two doctors of the day today? We have Hal Pumphrey, from Lincoln, and Greg Glover, from Lincoln. Could you stand to be recognized, please. We also have, in the north balcony, guests of Senator Day and Senator Wesely. There are 12 nurses from throughout Nebraska. If you could stand and be recognized, please. Senator Wesely, on the motion to override the Chair.

SENATOR WSELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise in support of most of the Speaker's ruling. (Laugh.) I do agree with the decision that this is a germane amendment. I would respectfully disagree that committee amendments don't necessarily hold to the tradition that they're always germane. I do want to reflect on that a moment. But I do want to rise in opposition to the motion to override. What we've got to do here is separate a part, and Senator Schrock said maybe for the wrong reason he was supporting the override. I hope you'll reconsider. Supporting the override for the wrong reasons, I mean not just Senator Schrock, but you may not like the amendment, you may not like what the bill does, but don't vote for the override and set us on a different course of action here, because what you will do is grind this Legislature down and take away the opportunity for committees to work through issues that are nonglamorous, but they're the nuts and bolts issues that run state government that the committee's are responsible for working through. Now I can't speak to this bill and what the amendments are. I really am not referring to that. But I can refer to the health and human service field where we have time and again brought to you those cleanup bills that have any number of bills in them, but without them the functions of the Health Department, and in some cases other departments grind to a halt in certain areas. We need to process those. They're not the kind of issues that get the front page headlines, they don't get very many stories, you don't put them on your campaign brochure, they're not what we all get excited about, but they're what makes state government run. And that's why we've always allowed in the past committees to have the freedom to put together packages in a bill with committee amendments that the germaneness rule was basically not applied to. It's because it's at the committee level, the committee structure that we give that freedom and flexibility to then do the work of the Legislature, to do the work of state government and get problems solved. That's why again I emphasize to you that whether you agree or disagree, I don't