

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't think this language in this amendment is germane to Senator Landis's amendment, and I would ask for a ruling from the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator, would you state your rationale for the germaneness of the...indicating why it is not germane? And this, is to point out what we did this morning, this is a Speaker's prerogative asking you to limit yourself to just a couple of minutes, if you would, then I'll allow Senator Lindsay to respond.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Mr. Speaker, I'm not offended at all. I just wanted to locate the Rule 7(d), and I'm going to read it. It's the germaneness rule. No motion, proposition or subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order. Germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject. In looking at this summary that Senator Lindsay gave us, maybe he could say it relates to rape, and I'm being as ridiculous in what I'm saying as he is in saying this amendment is germane. Number two talks about unauthorized entry into a propelled vehicle, so maybe that's parallel to rape. Use of a deadly weapon, which is a firearm, we know what that could relate to. Then intentionally discharging that firearm, we know what that could be; and then positive good time, you know that's what the person doing it is having. Then this assault on an officer, it all fits. Maybe that's how they will argue. But I think it is not germane based on the wording of the rule itself. And if you look at what is on that sheet that we were given, you will see there is no logical connection to Senator Landis's amendment and there is no logical flow to it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay, would you take the same opportunity and state your rationale as to why you think it is germane?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Landis amendment has no operative date whatsoever. This amendment would put an operative date on the Landis amendment, would also put operative