

a prison to this particular bill dealing with limitations on local government.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay, would you care to address the germaneness issue prior to my ruling?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The bill does open the...to characterize this as capital construction is only to characterize half of the amendment. The amendment is...is...the primary thrust of the amendment is actually the increase in the sales tax, which I think is germane to the bill. The sales tax increases, other than that, is simply earmarking where those dollars will go. Primary thrust is to increase the sales tax rate for a year.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay, I understand the point that you're making about the primary thrust being to increase the sales tax, and that may well be the case, but the bill, as I understand it, place budgetary limitations on the spending of local government. So I would rule that it is not germane.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Could I...could I add as an argument that it's late in the session and there are no other bills that....
(Laughter)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, in that case....

SENATOR LINDSAY: I accept the Chair's ruling.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senators Maurstad and Landis. It's AM4225. (Amendment may be found on pages 1740-52 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is LB 978, so the amendment 4225 is actually LB 978 that was heard in the General Affairs Committee, with the intent being to provide a measure of property tax relief to local subdivisions. The bill addresses a concern that was raised last year when LB 418 was passed, which increased the rates that local newspapers could charge for legal notices. At that time I