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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay. The question before the body and the motion is the overrule the ruling of the Chair. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on that. Members, you are allowed to speak once during this debate. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, before this session is over Senator Wickersham and everybody else in this Legislature will accept a whole pocketful of nongermane amendments in a technical sense to bills that are coming through this Legislature and everybody, except the freshmen, know that. And the reason that we will do that is because we want to have meaningful debates on all topics and we ought to have meaningful debates and we ought to be able to bring up on the floor those things that are important in a particular year. Senator Wickersham is going to argue today that this is nongermane, but even his committee will have nongermane amendments to attach to bills before this session's over, and he knows that and everybody else knows that, and I think to apply a rule in one instance and not in others is simply going to be inappropriate. This is a matter that needs to be discussed. It's an important matter. It's a good time to discuss it. If you don't discuss this amendment, there are no other amendments probably that are germane because of the nature of the bill. You can change the percentages again, but what other meaningful thing is there to do with this bill? All of the meaningful questions relate to the revenue that was taken away from other political subdivisions and you can't get to any of that. You can't discuss any of that 'cause all of that will be nongermane if this amendment is not germane. So I would just ask you to opt in favor of discussion, in favor of thorough debate, in favor of considering all the alternatives because there are good alternatives out there and I'd like to discuss with you what some of those alternatives are. Because I think we should not leave this session having taken away significant piles of money from a particular political subdivision without understanding thoroughly why we're doing it, why it's necessary to do it. I don't think it is necessary to do it and I'd like to discuss that with you. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I have a number of lights that were on before the motion to overrule the Chair. I'm going to go