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dealing with the workers' comp sections. I think by most traditional judgments, this would be germane.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Preister, do you have some comments?

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I would. It has been very consistent in the 11 years that I've been in this body that we have taken a very strict germaneness rule. I have not always agreed with that. But it has been consistent. And during that time, I don't recall an instance where it has wavered, no matter who the presiding officer was, or who the speaker was. In this instance, we have, yes, the same area. It does deal with workmen's comp. But Senator Hudkins' bill is dealing with volunteer firefighters in a specific section of the bill. Senator Beutler is dealing with not only a different section, or putting it into a section, but it is certainly a different area within workmen's comp. And all past rulings that I have seen in this body in my 11 years have certainly ruled against that kind of differentiation. So I would hope that this body would continue that very strict germaneness definition. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Although Senator Beutler's amendment covers a broader area of workers' compensation than the specifics of LB 332, I find that they are so closely related in workers' compensation subject matter that I'm going to rule it as germane. And certainly, you have an opportunity to challenge that ruling if you wish, Senator Preister. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. And yes, it's not my intention to drag on the afternoon, but I guess that's what I'm doing. I would challenge the ruling of the Chair. The Chair's ruling is that the amendment is germane. And I would challenge the Chair on that ruling, and still believe that it is not.

SPEAKER BROMM: Certainly, Senator Preister. Okay. With respect to the challenging of the Chair, persons are entitled to speak once to the issue. And so we'll go down the list that we have, and certainly if you wish to address that, put your light on. Senator Connealy. Waives off on that issue. Senator