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Baker. Wish to address the germaneness issue?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Where I'm coming from on this is, I serve as secretary-treasurer of a fire district, volunteer fire district in Hitchcock County. We have a problem with our mutual aid agreement in Kansas with these volunteer firemen. They're all covered by workmen's comp, obviously. And when we respond to a mutual aid consideration out of state, it's always been Kansas, although we're close to Colorado. But we have had problem with this. So I can't think of a more germane reason than that, where it applies to firemen. And we have handled these cases, and it's, whose jurisdiction is it, is what it amounts to. So I'd like to have it clarified, and I think this amendment would directly affect what our fire districts come up against in the state of Kansas, and injured firemen, when we're on a mutual aid call into Kansas, and whose jurisdiction that is. So I would certainly hope that this can be ruled germane. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, I think the ruling is well within the way we've traditionally handled these kinds of subject matter. And we're getting into the last 20 days of the session, and I hope it's not going to turn into germaneness arguments on everybody's amendments as we try to get the work of the Legislature done. So I hope that we can get to the merits of the amendment and vote it up or down. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. There are no further lights. Senator Preister, you're recognized to close on your challenge.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, members of the body. I again would state that I think the bill, the underlying bill of Senator Hudkins is a good one. I supported it in committee. I think that the bill itself is sound, and I do intend to vote for the bill. But I don't think this amendment is germane. And I lost on that in the ruling of the Chair. However, I chose to overrule the Chair because I think this is a bill...although it was heard by the Business and Labor