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come around and try to summarize, what I am trying to say here is that I do believe that Senator Schimek's amendment to Senator Smith's amendment, AM2670, actually dealt with two separate issues, and for that reason I guess I would question the germaneness of Senator Schimek's FA1478 to Senator Smith's amendment, and I would support the motion of Senator Smith in his attempt to overrule the Chair on that ruling. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I don't think there's any doubt but that this is a difficult decision. And obviously, you can look at it two different ways. The Speaker has ruled that it is germane. I think that bears witness, coming from Senator Cudaback, who's always strived to be particularly fair, that there's a strong argument that it is germane. But beyond that, let me put to you the situation that pertains. We have the introducer of a bill facing amendments and amendments to amendments, clearly a situation that has turned clearly to filibuster, the introducer of a bill simply trying to get her bill in the shape that she would want it in, and then we can vote on it, hopefully, whether it's a cloture vote or an up or down vote on the bill or whatever. But generally speaking, in this body, by one means or another, we have had the courtesy to allow an introducer to get the bill in the appropriate shape. And I'm sure that all of you have been in fixes in the past where it's been difficult to do that. And let me not talk about the past, but remind you of the near future. We are now halfway through the session, and we all know we haven't done much. And those of us who have been around awhile know that if we're going to get anything done, we're going to be putting bills together, we're going to be putting amendments onto bills, and we all know that there is an extremely high level of cooperation expected and necessary in order to get our work done. And if we're going to have tight interpretations of the germaneness rule from here on out, we're going to be in trouble. We are going to have a really...we're heading for a catastrophic session here, I'm afraid. So I hope you'll look at this matter in the context of the situation, and simply ask yourself the question, isn't it fair to let Senator