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that is that I didn't speak to the germaneness fight on the prior LB 943, because I would have explained before I did not vote why I was going to be not voting. It's interesting to me, we all come from different perspectives. Senator Foley thought that his amendment to that bill was germane, and I happen to agree with him. I thought it was, and I would have argued for its germaneness. I have heard time, after time, after time here the broad construction of "germaneness." Senator Chambers, as one, articulated the other concept with regard to protocol, convention, methodology, whatever you want to call it, in terms of how we conduct our business. The point that didn't get made that some people won't like that supports why I was not voting is that I have articulated more than once in the course of my ten years here the right of 25 people in this body to decide anything on any day. And I think it was entirely within the right of the body, procedurally, without regard to consistency or tradition or anything else, to say we're not going to take up a bill. That's how the place works. That's a part of the process as far as I'm concerned. But I offer that explanation now, I said I openly regret not having had an...pushed my button quickly enough and gotten to articulate it, told people what I was going to do and why I was going to do it. I'm going to support overruling the Chair here because, while I think we have narrowly construed this, it's no personal offense, with regard to this, in light of the prior discussion, the entirety of this subject matter is how we...I...we have consistently, from your Judiciary Committee, put together packages dealing with particular subject matters. And I don't think the germaneness rule is as simplistic and elementary as what chapter is opened. I think it's a substantive, qualified judgment to be made based upon content, substance, and subject matter. And the issue of dealing with domestic violence as it relates to confidants and the evidence in those cases and the issue of dealing with domestic violence as a crime is all consistent, and I would urge the overruling of the Chair in order that we can proceed. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Mossey would like to have it both ways. On the previous issue, he didn't