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germaneness question. In my experience, if it's a different chapter, the germaneness is always very questionable, and we would have that debate on the floor if that arose. But regardless of whether it is or isn't in the opinion of this body, at some point then the whole thing would be challengeable in court, based on our germaneness rule, would it not?

SENATOR FLOOD: I don't believe so. We're talking about the police power of the state...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...and the power that we grant, the police power that we grant to municipalities. And what you referenced in Chapters 14, 15, 16, deals with the police power that the state grants to a political subdivision, or in this case a municipality as defined in the statute. So I don't see that we have a germaneness issue.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But...

SENATOR FLOOD: If it's about concealed weapons...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...Senator, if I could,...and our time is almost up. There really hasn't been a hearing on these issues. And the hearing on the bill, you know, I'm not sure the cities would have been tracking regarding this particular provision and this particular power they have. So I guess at least there's a question in my mind about whether we could really do that, and particularly about whether we could do it without a hearing, and if we did do it without a hearing, if it would not be challengeable. So I hope that we can continue the discussion,...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time, Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and that maybe others will chime in. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Engel, followed by Loudon, Kruse, and Combs. Senator Engel.