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discussion, and I think it's probably going to be a discussion we have, assuming we have the votes to pass this on General File, on a Select File debate. And I welcome that discussion, because I think that's positive. But the issue as to whether or not such an amendment on Select File is germane, I believe is a nonissue for the Legislature in more than one way. In our rules of the Legislature, Section 3...it's actually sub (C), Section 3, sub (d), the germaneness rule is articulated there, specifically on page 49 of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. "No motion, proposition, or subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order. Germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal." Senator Chambers, as a studied lawyer, he knows about subject matter jurisdiction. It's quite different in many regards, but I think if we apply the principles of what we're talking about in this rule, what is the subject matter of this bill? This bill concerns one primary subject--whether or not Nebraskans can carry a concealed weapon, subject to the provisions of AM0810 that becomes LB 454, with the training requirements and the background checks. The bill...the laws on the books now with regard to the...essentially, would be the preemption rights of a city to say, no, you can't do this in Lincoln, no, you can't do this in Omaha, that is germane. This bill is germane to those bills that Senator...to those laws that Senator Schimek referenced earlier, so I do not think the issue of hearings or germaneness applies here at all, and I think that I would join a number of folks in this Chamber in fighting that vehemently. Because if we're going to do concealed weapons, if we're going to address concealed weapons in Nebraska, let's make sure the Legislature communicates very clearly to the rest of the state how we anticipate...how we want the state to address concealed weapons in communities like Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Beatrice, Kearney, and everywhere else across the state. So, Senator Schimek, I guess, as to your germaneness issue, I would oppose any efforts to challenge the germaneness. Certainly, it's within your right to raise whatever questions you want. But I think that after looking at the rules, you would agree with me that that is an appropriate amendment to consider on Select