

else that goes on. You will want to be very careful about this bill and what you say by way of precedent on this bill. And I think that this method of dealing with it is in inappropriate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I think Senator Beutler's comments clearly indicate that the amendment is, in fact, itself germane. It's just simply that Senator Beutler does not like the amendment and he would like to argue the amendment and I'm delighted and looking forward to that debate on the amendment for a couple reasons. Number one, I think Senator Beutler will find that the majority of his committee will, in fact, support the amendment. I think that Senator Beutler will find the majority of the Legislature feels that is not a significant amendment as he would like to put that adjective in. Basically, what we have to decide here at this point in time is not whether we like or dislike the amendment. What we're being asked to do is to uphold the Chair's ruling that an amendment is germane. Now this is the same body, by the way, this one is a germane amendment, but the ones in the past, on a 900, for example, on amendments that we had earlier on Senator McKenzie's bill, I think it could have been argued that they were not necessarily germane, but nonetheless, LB 789, the bill that is before us now, deals with surface and ground water. That is what my amendment deals with. It deals with the transfer of such water. That is what my amendment deals with, albeit, a very small entity that deals with how much water can be used; 789 does that. That's what my amendment does as well. It limits water to 200 acre-feet per year. Over that they have to have a permit. LB 789 deals with the permit process; so does my amendment. The bottom line is this is so germane it cries to be seen very clearly, but Senator Beutler who does not like the amendment is using this type of technique to delay it. He's trying to do everything he can so he doesn't talk about the issue and the fact of the matter is I hope this Legislature rules that the Chair should not be overriden, that we vote no so that the Chair's decision on germaneness, which is very clear, is sustained and I look forward, really look forward to the debate on this amendment. And I think once we get there the Legislature will also know that not only is this amendment a good one, it makes sense and is one that the Legislature should adopt. The Chair was correct. It is as germane as it is raining outside today and I hope that the body votes no on the