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wording as in 717, just to show you that we can get into any collectively bargained agreement. But I want you to think seriously about should we, and is this the path that you want to start down.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Your...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, this amendment is not germane. LB 717 amends a specific section of statute relating to metropolitan cities. It gives the section of statute, it relates specifically to one power by the police chief. Senator Witek's bill...amendment talks about state agencies. I am in favor of a liberal construction of the germaneness rule, but I'm not in favor of having more than one subject in a bill. And since the bill as drafted relates to metropolitan cities and the amendment that Senator Witek offered relates to state agencies, her amendment, in my opinion, is totally not germane. And in addition to that, contrary to a statement she made, the wording in her amendment, as is often the case with things she says, is not exactly the same as the wording in LB 717. She talks about compensation and other matters, and all that 717 deals with is the assignment to geographical areas. So I am saying that in my opinion the amendment is not germane.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek, would you respond.

SENATOR WITEK: That's true, we did talk about compensation. That was the only difference. I have every intention of withdrawing this amendment. If you want to rule on the germaneness, that's fine. When I...when I allowed for this amendment to be printed in the Journal I wanted to alert people, and especially the senators in this Chamber, to what we were trying to do with this bill. So that's why this amendment was printed. And I have every intention of withdrawing it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers, I'm going to rule in your favor in that the amendment is not germane. Is there further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the bill at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. Senator Chambers, your...your light is