

amendment that has been offered deals with Chapter 9 of our state statute which deals with keno tax, or deals with the establishment of a keno as well as Chapter 72 and the original bill, LB 587 is dealing with Chapter 32 of our statute. Clearly the keno tax has nothing to do with that particular chapter of the bill, so I would challenge the germaneness to that.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall, I believe it is very much germane. I mean we are talking about the funding of the campaign finance fund and we're talking about the provisions of that fund. I think the amendment talks about that fund and that fund is certainly directly related to 587. It is the basic funding mechanism. So I don't see how this could be anything other than germane under any recent interpretation of the rules.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The Chair is going to rule that the amendment is, although it does deal with the funding aspect, is not germane to the bill because it does deal with the entire issue of keno tax as well as water, drinking water issues whereas the original bill is one of campaign finance reform and it only references a fund. There is no, in the original bill or in amendments to it, no fund that is created through any finance mechanism. I'm going to rule that it is not germane to the original bill. Again, Senator Beutler, you are free to move to overrule the Chair should you choose.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So moved, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, the arguments on germaneness I think we just made and I think that one could look at it either way. But I do feel strongly that given past interpretations of the germaneness amendment, this is certainly germane. But beyond that, members of the Legislature, we need to deal with this, we need to deal with this. If this amendment is not germane, none of the alternative amendments dealing with financing for the Campaign Finance Reform Act are germane so we can't deal with the financing aspect of this bill. If we don't deal with this bill in a positive manner we're going to take a real hard hit with the public. We need to start doing some of the positive things that we need to do in order to put this together so the public can see that we're progressively and positively moving