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germane if it is an amendment to the bill, are, in fact, not germane to the issue at hand which is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 470.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Marsh, would you like to respond to Senator Fenger?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, if you will look at the amendments to LB 470 as they were published last year and the first line is, "In the Standing Committee amendments," so these are amendments to the committee amendments. They were drafted last year, 1983. They were published last year for every member of the Legislature to have an opportunity to read them. We have talked about it all over the summer. This is not a new topic. I gave you the history going back to 1982. The many times this has been studied, looked at and I emphasize again the point that the adoption of this amendment to the amendment does not force any dentist to conduct his or her practice differently than that dentist would choose to conduct his or her dental practice. For those reasons, Mr. Chairman, Senator Kahle, I strongly urge you to rule. These were drafted last year as amendments to the Standing Committee amendments. It is not a surprise to anyone since this was 1983. I again passed these out so that there is no question about what is being discussed this morning. It is before you on your desk and it is amendment to the committee amendment. It has had more discussion than most issues ever have, not only on this legislative floor but in public hearing, in interim study and again in public hearing. Thank you very much.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Kilgarin, would you like to speak on the germaneness issue?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know we have not changed this section of law for thirteen years. It is our responsibility as legislators to review this legislation as Senator Fenger has done and tried to compromise on this legislation and unfortunately has not been successful. At one time all of the proposals that dental hygienists are making were accepted by the compromise committee. The dentists at one time approved every single issue that the dental hygienists brought to them. They have been uncooperative in negotiating. They would say one thing and