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LB 56

I would ask for a rule on germaneness. The bill has to do with only the drinking age, the age at which those can be bus people, in other words clear tables, clear tables and so forth and the ages at which they can, age at which they can serve alcohol beverages. Here we have a new concept having nothing to do with the age of drinking. It is simply dealing with drivers licenses. This bill has nothing to do with drivers licenses. If Senator Beutler's bill is good then let's send it to a hearing. This has had no hearing at all. It is brought out of the blue to you and is an attempt to be fastened on to bill. I ask for a rule of germaneness and, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, would you care to comment on germaneness? Any other members wish to comment on germaneness? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I regard the amendment as being germane although I am not sure it is wise. And the germaneness, actually because Senator Beutler is seeking to offer an alternative remedy to the same wrong, to respond to the same arguments and debate that were generated on General File and Select File, and what he has done is he has listened to the rationale for LB 56 and tried to fashion an alternative that meets the same problems that the proponents have alleged. And in that sense it is not an illogical leap from the discussions that we have been holding on LB 56. I think the amendment is germane.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, did you wish to comment on germaneness?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, as one who believes that whenever an issue comes before the Legislature any legitimate aspect of that issue is proper for consideration, I have said this on bills where I have favored an amendment, I have to say it in this instance even though I am opposed to this amendment. It is tying into the issue of drinking and the problems created thereby and means by which that problem can be dealt with. So in a philosophical sense or even a logical sense I think Senator Beutler's amendment is germane. Now I know my opinion may