

integral part of the whole act that in effect is being addressed by LB 593. I believe the amendment is totally and absolutely germane.

PRESIDENT: Do you wish to reply to that point, Senator Barrett?

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, LB 593 is a bill to protect Nebraska policyholders for claims that they might have against a life and health insurance company should that company become insolvent. Now, the Johnson amendment, as I interpret it, deals with a very different subject. That subject is revenue. This is an insurance bill. This is a bill which was referred to the Banking, Insurance and Commerce Committee. Should Senator Johnson's amendment be introduced as a separate bill, I am convinced that the Referencing Committee would probably send that bill to the Revenue Committee, not to the Insurance Committee. I don't believe that the amendment itself is germane. It is not germane because it refers substantially to a different subject. Now, LB 593 does not address Section 44-2716 other than to cite that the section is a part of the Nebraska Life and Health Guaranty Insurance Association and I believe that is on the last page of the bill, Mr. President, line 6, that citation, Sections 44-2701 to 44-2720, under our own rules, and I repeat, I believe that this is nongermane. The bill and the amendment both deal with sections in the life and health guaranty law but there I think the similarity ends.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, what do you have to say about this being added as a new concept to what really could be described as a clean-up bill revision?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, Mr. President, I don't necessarily see this as a clean-up bill. I think it has got some substantive provisions in it, but again I have to refresh my memory a little bit because this comes from last session. This particular bill deals in part with how the assessments themselves are to be levied against the various insurance companies. It deals directly with that. The bill references the premium tax statute, as Senator Barrett has pointed out. And, doggone it, I think that inasmuch as under the law those assessments are offsets against the premium tax that the moment we begin to discuss the assessments, which we do in this bill, which we clearly and