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to ask you to respond.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, as you well know, having been here for years, and as Senator Wickersham well knows, the nature of the ruling that he's asking for will essentially preclude all meaningful debate on this bill because what he is saying is that because this is a constitutional amendment dealing with the motor vehicle tax that we can ignore this in terms of the broader problem that's sought to be addressed. What amendment can there be to this bill that makes any sense about anything unless you're dealing with the problem of lost revenues to those who no longer get the revenues? What Senator Wickersham has done is brought you a partial solution and is then hoping to hold on to the partial solution by eliminating all debate to it. But there will be debate on this because there needs to be debate on this. And I'm...and I don't understand why we would want to get into the technicalities of a germaneness ruling for the purposes of precluding debate on such an important question. This amendment does not deal with the same section of statutes, that's true. That's a rule that we...a subrule that we use sometimes and sometimes we don't. But the fact of the matter is the bill takes money from some political subdivisions and gives it to others. And if you want to hang your hat on a narrow technicality that somehow we can't deal with giving money back to the others, we can do that. But why in the world would this Legislature want to have that kind of debate? Just put off the real debate or deal with it tangentially on other bills or on the general appropriations? Why not deal with it head-on? This is part of the problem. Is there anybody, in your common sense...in your common sense...in that common sense portion of your brain that says that dealing with this is not...is not...is not a part of the problem; that we're not talking about the same thing? So, Mr. Speaker, I would argue common sense.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Chair's going to rule that germane amendments pursuant to the rule relate only to the details of that specific bill. I'm going to rule it not germane, Senator Beutler. If you'd like to challenge the Chair, I'd recognize you at this point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would challenge the Chair.