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PRESIDENT: Debate will now cease. Senator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Point of order.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: This is yesterday instance. Where I don't presume that there are three people in this body understand what's in this amendment as amended. You immediately bring up something to shut off the debate. Now if that is what you want to do that's fine. But it's a horrible way to pass legislation when the people of this body don't have the least idea of what we are doing. There isn't three people in this body that understands what this amendment does. And I'm not sure Senator Kremer does either. And as I understand it you are adding one mill on the to the Technical Schools in part, somebody is. We don't know what the hell we are doing. And the people of this state are going to get awfully disgusted if this body is so much in need of haste, you will do away with everything in order to get those things which are completely unexplained.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, I think I can help things. Besides that, the debate has now closed. And I understand your concern, and it was a good point of order. Now then, the Chair is going to rule that this amendment is not germane to this bill. It changes the bill, and therefore it is out of order in order to substitute this new language for that, and now then if you care to challenge the chair in that particular ruling, the Chair would understand it, and I understand your predicament. I understand what's being done. But that amendment, I did not have time to rule on it earlier because I had no idea myself, of course, what was the content of the amendment until it was explained. So therefore, the motion is to return LB977 and 977A to Select File for that specific amendment. But that amendment as far as this Chair is concerned is not germane to the bill under the section I will rule it not allowable. Senator Stahmer, back to you.

SENATOR STAHMER: Very good, Mr. President. This doesn't bother me at all because it is going to take as many votes one way or another. And I would probably rule the same way, were I you, and there are going to be plenty other similar motions and similar bills. But I'm going to challenge the Chair and explain briefly why. Senator Kremer, basically explained the bill. It was the bill before his committee on Voc Tech schools. I think this bill is needed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, I'm going to call you to order. If you can challenge the Chair that's fine and dandy. But the question then becomes, and it is not debatable. The question is, shall the Chair be overruled. That's the only issue before the body, then and that's all that's before us at this particular time. So the question is...

SENATOR STAHMER: I think I've got the right to explain that. What the amendment is.