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called the guest statute. As I say, it is a little known concept, a little known animal, and they put these into effect, oh, most of the states put them into effect in the thirties, pushed by insurance companies primarily, and the idea was that they were really going to cut down their liability. Well, irrespective of what you think of Schmit, he should be able to collect, if I'm careless and reckless and negligent. All this does very simply is repeal the guest statute. It's been before the Legislature about two thousand times that I am aware of. I think this is the proper time and the proper year, the proper moment to do it. I urge you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would just like to give my same old speech. This is a bill that is on General File. Select File? It's on Select File but we are not going to get around to it this year, so this is another mechanism for skipping our process and getting something up that the body has not decided is a priority item, and I will vote against it on that basis.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Point of personal privilege. I challenge. This isn't germane to the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Here we go. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: By golly, I'm going to be easy to get along with. Senator Haberman, you tell me why it is not germane. Better yet, tell me what germane means.

SENATOR HABERMAN: We are talking about the courts imposing a penalty. That's what the bill does. It has nothing to do whatsoever with people riding in other people's cars.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Does that answer your question, Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, I asked him what germane meant.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Oh, you asked me what germane means?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I know what that means. That means you're wrong and I'm right.

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