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SENATOR BEUTLER: Just for the record, Mr. Speaker, I will raise the germaneness issue one more time, and ask for a ruling.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I give the same decision that we gave the Simon one that it is germane but I don't think it's too hot.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We didn't ask you how hot the idea was. We just asked you for a ruling.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I gave you a ruling. Okay, read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lewis moves to amend the Schmit amendment by including primary city.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, coming from Bellevue my heart does bleed if they can't gravel the roads. It is also somewhat inconvenient by the lid if you can't remove the snow. Somewhat inconvenient if you can't pay for the gasoline for the patrol for the community. Somewhat inconvenient that you cannot provide the ongoing services in the cities. It never ceases to amaze me that obviously there are some that should be excluded from the lid because of their unique situation. Every local community has a problem. Senator Stoney set the example in his no-smoking bill which most of you supported, because if you are in a small cafeteria in a small town the smoke is not offensive. If you are in downtown Omaha, of course, it is endangering your health. Now most of us are rational enough to understand that is not the argument. I appreciate and I support what Senator Schmit said. I think there are troubles in his counties in terms of delivering services. There are troubles in every community delivering services and it may be funny to some as they vote for lids and then laugh about the fact that they are going to get out from under it for their communities and try to stick Omaha and other communities. That is not funny. Bellwood, Nebraska, certainly probably has problems and so does every other community. I am in full support of the Schmit amendment once we add the primary cities who also share some of the same common problems and that includes North Platte, Grand Island, Kearney. Probably we should add the City of Lincoln and the City of Omaha and we would probably have a good bill. I move my amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I