

SENATOR LAMB: Page 46, I believe, Senator.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Lamb. No motion, proposition or subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. Is there a different subject besides taxation here? Are the fraternal the subject? Yup, they are. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order. Germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill. The subject of the bill is how fraternal are organized in this state, what their investment practices will be, how they are to be organized, how they are to be audited and how they are to be taxed. All of that is the subject of the bill. Germane amendments only relate to the details. Taxation is one of the details of the bill, of a specific subject, which is fraternal, and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposition, and the logical progression is you create an entire exemption. There is no rule for the entire exemption, let's give them a partial exemption. We debate that kind of change day in and day out and the rule of the Chair can't stand if we are going to do business as usual on amendments from the floor. I would respectfully urge that the Chair be overruled and that this be regarded a germane amendment. I will argue the merits of the amendment, fine, but I ought to be entitled to bring this amendment before you and have it talked about because this standard that we are applying today is one that we will all rue if it is allowed to stand.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Senator Landis made some good points but I think he is looking a little beyond what the germaneness rule is and what we are asking, so I would just say, let's go to a vote of it and see what the people think. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is, shall the Chair be overruled? Senator Landis, do you care to close on your motion?

SENATOR LANDIS: I do. This bill is 43 pages long. It is an exceptionally broad reconstitution of fraternal insurance companies in this state. It addresses entirely the subject of the exemption from taxation for those organizations and to not be permitted to offer an amendment to one part of this huge bill on the very subject that the bill addresses