

in its impact than what Senator Wesely is offering, is not an indication that it is not germane. The rule in the Legislature's own book is not as narrow, based on its terminology, as certain people have tried to have it construed in the body. The rule, as written in the book and as construed on various occasions by different members in the Chair, is definitely a lot narrower than what the Nebraska Supreme Court has said germaneness means. The Nebraska Supreme Court has ruled, and I can get the cases, that a bill can be totally stripped of its contents, leaving only the number and another subject matter can be incorporated into that bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) May I please have your attention. There is too much noise, especially under the south balcony. Hold it down, please. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think that Senator DeCamp's suggested amendment is unwise, but I do think it is germane to what is before the body. I think Senator Wesely's idea is not good and I'm not going to vote for it. But I didn't speak against it on the floor because it will probably pass anyway, and it would have been a waste of time. If you are going to talk about an idea that you don't like being prevented from being discussed under the guise of it not being germane, how can the adoption of Senator Schmit's tax proposition to LB 662 be considered an activity that didn't violate the germaneness rule, as some people want it construed? But that was something that enough people wanted attached to that bill ultimately to kill the bill. It certainly got a vote against 662 coming from me. So it achieved that purpose. But it was allowed to be considered and added to that bill. Now we have a proposition which could not be more closely and intimately related to what LR 3...23 is talking about, when the Legislature is going to meet. What difference does it make if you say the Legislature will meet in December every year, or in December every other year? It boggles my mind when I try to understand how words are being defined and construed on the floor of the Legislature...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if I believe that the statements made are true reflections of the mental processes of the one making the statement. There are some who don't want this