

we get here all the time? "Shall" and "shall not", does that mean now I am forbidden in future legislative proposals from adding the word "not"? Let's use an example, maybe one of the bills that passed here this morning, LB 47. Lawyers "shall" be allowed to write abstracts or do title insurance or some such thing. Somebody else puts an amendment and it says "shall not". Are you going to tell me that is not germane when it has been germane for all the years I can remember even though it is completely the opposite in terms of its ultimate effect of what the sponsor might want? Certainly if you say this is not germane, if you say this is not germane, you are going to trap yourself which really doesn't mean anything because we will change it the next week anyway and you are going to trap yourself if you follow the rules into a rule that eliminates you from dealing with most of the bills. You, basically, wouldn't be able to amend the bill if anybody disagreed. I am saying the proposal is definitely germane and you may not like its merits, such as Senator Chambers, but at least you have got to admit the doggone this is germane, I think, and I think you should establish that this morning.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: So I would urge you to vote that it is germane by voting green and, shoot, I would even ask the Speaker now that he has heard the debate and knows it is clearly germane, I would even ask him to vote green on germaneness, although I understand the box that puts you in, but, you know, one more vote. I think it is germane and if you vote it is germane, then you get a chance to discuss it a little bit and maybe even vote on whether we should go to two year sessions or biennial sessions. I will tell you what, I'll bet if you ask your people how they wanted you to vote on this one, which may or may not influence you depending upon the individual in here, I will bet most of them would tell you, hey, you know, we would kind of like to see you guys meet every year and do it right rather than the way you are doing it now. At least give it a shot. I think it is germane.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the Chair...Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I am not only restating the question but could you tell us the votes