

technical points of the bill. I think all of the definitions in the germaneness rule indicate that this is not a germane amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The point will be under study here. Is there any other comment on the germaneness which the Senator has raised? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would urge the Chair to rule this nongermane. I renew an argument that I made a few weeks ago when we had a bill regarding the date when the Legislature goes into session. An attempt to put an amendment on that bill which, at least under the theory of germaneness, was probably far more germane than this particular proposal. That was to put an amendment on to talk about biennial sessions. I made the constitutional argument regarding germaneness at that time. I think it applies here also. The Constitution of the state says that when constitutional amendments are submitted to the voters, they will contain only one piece of subject matter, one proposition. The good reason for that is because the voters have the right to have each proposal presented to them in a separate form. I think merging these two issues not only makes this nongermane under the rules of the Legislature, but also would make it a constitutionally suspect proposition to put in front of the voters. So, for that reason also, I'd urge you to rule this amendment nongermane.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, do you want to speak?

SENATOR MARSH: I urge you to also rule against this proposed amendment since I feel it is unconstitutional. However, we are all aware that Senator Haberman is trying to love it to death. If this is one of his ways, we applaud him, just don't like the way it is turning out.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is ready to rule on the point of order. You may speak, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, on LB 662, which was the reorganization of school districts, I believe we added a sales tax issue to that bill, which I don't think could be maybe considered germane, but it went through the floor and nobody raised the point.

PRESIDENT: Well, if no one raised the point then it wasn't