

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, a point of order if I may.

SPEAKER NICHOL: State your point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I certainly appreciate Senator Chronister's right to amend the bill, but it seems to me that in form and in substance the amendments proposed are in fact amendments to the bill and are not germane to the Standing Committee amendments and that being the case, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a ruling from the Chair on the germaneness to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: As a matter of explanation, we are amending the committee's amendment. On page 2 of the committee amendment, after line 6 we would insert this new amendment as follows. "12. On page 60, strike the new matter in lines 20 through 26." On page 2, of the committee amendment, "after line 23 insert two new amendments as follows:", which is, "14. On page 69, strike the new matter in lines 17 and 24. 15. On page 70, strike the new matter in lines 15, 19 and 22 through 26." Then renumber the remaining committee amendments accordingly. I think that applies only to the committee amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler and Senator Chronister, I think the subject matter is certainly germane to the bill, but I would agree that it's not germane to the amendments inasmuch as it is inserting new amendments in the bill, so I would agree that you're correct in saying that it is not germane to the committee amendments, but it is germane to the bill. I guess we...Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you want to add anything further to my decision?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Well, yes, I was hoping you'd make another decision.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, I thought you would wish that.