

Vickers, could I ask you a question? In the bill last year, what was its number? 994?

SENATOR VICKERS: 994, last year...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, my question to you is, was bonding taken up in that bill?

SENATOR VICKERS: No, it was not, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Under that, Senator Rogers, I'm going to rule that your motion is not germane, not because it is not in the same Chapter because it is, but the original bill did not consider this in it. Thank you.

SENATOR ROGERS: Then I think I'll contest the ruling, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Pardon me? I didn't understand what you said, Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Pat has it. I said I would like to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. The motion is to overrule the Chair. Now you may speak about that, if you'd like.

SENATOR ROGERS: The question has been raised as to whether my proposed amendment, in LB 633, is germane. Our rules state the germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill, and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. The Nebraska Supreme Court has defined germane as near, akin, closely allied, appropriate or relevant. It has also been the practice, in this body, to treat amendments dealing with a matter falling within the same Chapter of the Nebraska statutes as the original proposal as germane. If you will look at your copy of my proposed amendment, you will find that it now deals solely with Chapter 79, which is the same Chapter that is addressed by LB 633. LB 633 begins by proposing changes to Chapter 79, Section 4-1404 (sic). My amendment, which seeks to amend Section 4-154, closely follows Section 4-140.04 in the same Article of Chapter 79 and thus follows in a natural and logical sequence the subject matter of the original proposal. As for the question of relevance, I point out to you that LB 633, and