

heard by the Judiciary Committee, advanced on Friday to the floor of the Legislature. I would suggest that if this bill were that important, it might have made it out of Judiciary Committee a long while ago and could have been determined on its own merits. Now, I am not opposed to the method which Senator Hoagland is attempting to use here in some instances and I will probably use it myself and have in the past, but I think you ought to recognize that these are two widely diverted topics and not a simple...this is not a simple amendment. This amendment deals with the Department of Water Resources. It deals with the TRO, the temporary restraining order, issued by district judges relative to hearings in water disputes. It is a far cry from the clerk magistrate legislation of LB 529. I would urge you to read the language. It certainly is stretching the topic a long, long way. It is my principal argument, ladies and gentlemen, against bill limitation. It demonstrates how far afield you can go in combining the topics in a single bill. I would, however, believe that this is going farther than we can allow and I would challenge the bill on the issue of germaneness, Mr. Speaker. I do not believe the amendment is germane.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, on the germaneness issue.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: In light of Senator Schmit's objections, I will ask to withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn. Do you have anything further on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Senator Hoagland, what do you want to do with the bill now? The question is the advancement of the bill. Okay, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I really would like you to pay attention to this bill. I don't want to be a party a year or two or three from now of saying Marge Higgins voted for LB 529 and the amendments to the bill amounted to more than the bill itself. Who really in this room can stand up today and tell me from beginning to end what you are voting on? Do you know what rights we might be giving away? How much authority are we giving to the already supreme Supreme Court? This bill is fraught