

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I...Senator Hefner and I are good friends and seatmates and colleagues, but I'm going to object to his amendment to LB 153 as not being germane to this particular bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: A question of germaneness has been made on Senator Hefner's amendment. Senator Hefner, are you prepared to give an eloquent statement about the germaneness of your amendment?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I believe this is germane because this deals with operators license and school permits and so I feel it is germane. I guess I would like to hear some of Senator Johnson's arguments of why it is not germane.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and deciding officer, LB 153 deals with the revocation and suspension of drivers licenses for people who fail to respond to traffic citations. That's the thrust of the bill. That's what the bill is about. Senator Hefner, on behalf of a 14-year-old constituent or his parents, has seen this bill moving through the Nebraska Legislature and is attempting to add a new category, a new category of allowable license, the work permit for the young farm lad. Well, that new category is simply outside of the scope of what this issue, what this bill is addressing. It is something new to the bill. It does not relate to the suspension of drivers licenses for failing to respond to traffic citations. It's adding a new category of allowable licenses. I was not familiar with Senator Hefner's amendment, so I quickly asked the counsel to the Public Works Committee as to whether or not this amendment would reflect a significant policy change in our state, the kind of significant policy change that would have to be carefully considered by the Public Works Committee in an independent bill and was assured that that was the case. So, it really is an amendment that truly is not, doesn't relate to the scope of LB 153 and I genuinely believe it is