

SENATOR MARSH: Good morning and thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to bring a question of germaneness to this amendment which was not, to my knowledge, before the committee, before Business and Labor Committee at any time. So I bring the question of germaneness to the amendment, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, they were...if this is based on what was said the other day about somebody trying to amend one bill into another bill, the two issues are entirely different because that was based on the constitutional requirement of a bill being before the Legislature a minimum number of days before it could be enacted because of the requirement of going through this procedure to enact a piece of legislation. This is merely a claim. And there have been other instances where claims have been added, or attempted to be added to bills on the floor of the Legislature. So the issue of germaneness that would apply to other bills does not apply to this one at all because we are not talking about a particular section of statute, just an idea.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I believe that ordinarily the procedure is that a claim is presented and somebody presents the claim and signs the claim, and formally presents the claim to the Legislature. I understand, Senator Chambers, that you have made a motion to put this claim in. I really don't feel that it is a legitimate claim as prescribed. For example, using Senator Pappas's amendment that was recently adopted, just adopted, some person submitted that claim and it went through the channels as we usually do them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I have a right to explain my amendment, my offering first, and then I think the ruling should occur because that has always been the practice.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, you may finish, that is right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am presenting this claim on behalf of those who are unable to present it in their own behalf. I've offered it. I've signed it. And I still have to present these matters to the body because they should be given serious consideration. It is a subject about which laughter may occur. But if you watch a hard fought game on some Saturday, these young men are down there as gladiators, carrying the colors of their schools and their respective states. Sometimes the greatest amount of cheering occurs when a hard hit occurs, where you hear the pads