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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

SENATOR LAMB: State your point please.

SENATOR WARNER: The point is the germaneness of the amendment to the motion pending. The motion pending is the adoption of an amendment to Agency 03, Legislative Council. I indicated we were taking up the amendments by agency which was dividing the question and I would ask for a ruling as to whether or not an amendment to the bill as a whole can be offered, is germane on the only motion pending that is affecting one agency. If I...beyond that make some comments.

SENATOR LAMB: Please continue, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: One of the things that at least is in my mind realizing the difficult kind of issue we are trying to deal with was to present to the Legislature in some kind of a format that you can walk out of here and at least have some hope of knowing what you did, realizing none of us can know the full impact of any proposal specifically in every instance. I appreciate, having been here awhile and I have seen that happen many times, Senator Beutler did a fine job of attempting to pit the rest of the Legislature against the Appropriations Committee, and that is frequently done, and that is okay. I don't even mind that but what I do worry about and I am concerned about is that a process is preserved. Now I am even willing to revise my original amendment to have the amendment of the committee adopted as a whole. We have done that before. Then procedurally the amendment would be in order but if we start shooting from the hip in here, if you take anything out of order, believe me, believe me, ladies and gentlemen, it will lead to chaos. Now some want that. I do not. I can live with what you do but, for heaven's sakes, do not do it with a shotgun blast not knowing where the target is and try to preserve a method of orderly consideration. If it is offered to the bill as a whole, then you can argue it. If it is successful, that is how it is. If it is not successful, then we continue to plod our way agency by agency. Obviously, that will take a long time but you will have every opportunity to know what is or is not being done. And I am not raising the issue of germaneness just as a cute trick here to stop this amendment