

follow in a logical consequence or sequence the nature of what the bill is for the selection. With that, I would challenge germaneness.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek, do you wish to comment on the germaneness before the Chair makes a ruling?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I would yield to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this bill can be considered what they call a comprehensive act. It covers all aspects or purports to of the subject being dealt with. One of the subjects being dealt with by the terms of the bill can be found starting at the bottom of page 4 and continuing to the top of page 5 and it says this. Judges of the court of appeals shall be subject to the same provisions relating to selection, filling of a vacancy, term of office, discipline, removal from office and retirement as are all other judges covered by Article V of the Constitution of Nebraska. Article V of the Constitution of Nebraska is the basis for the statutory scheme that created the judicial qualifications commission. Article V of the Constitution embraces what is being attempted by Senator Schimek's amendment. It goes precisely to the method by which judges are to be selected. This bill talks about the method by which judges of the appeals court are to be selected. So if the bill, itself, talks about how these specific judges are to be selected, the amendment being offered by Senator Schimek goes directly to the method by which these judges are to be selected. I don't see how it can be stated that the amendment is not germane. It deals precisely with an issue raised in the bill. So my contention is that the amendment, since it deals with how judges are to be selected, goes to the provision of the bill that talks about the selection of these specific judges. I think it is as germane as anything could be relative to this bill. If an amendment to reduce the number of judges is germane, an amendment that talks about the selection of these judges is germane. So I'm asking that the Chair overrule Senator Kristensen's proposition relative to germaneness and hold this amendment to be germane.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I am going to rule that this is not germane because we are dealing with the creation of an appellate court system and not necessarily with