

how those judges are selected. I'm going to rule that this amendment is not germane. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I challenge the Chair.

SPEAKER BAACK: You may continue, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, just as I thought. We should have taken Senator Baack out of the Chair because it would be difficult to rule that a bill of which he is a cosponsor, that an amendment that is not wanted by the judges and Senator Kristensen, he couldn't rule any other way. I'm having a little fun with you, Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: That is not true, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I know. I wouldn't be laughing if I thought it was true, I'd be shooting daggers at you. But here is what I will say about this ruling. This bill doesn't just create a court system, this bill states how judges appointed to this court are to be selected. Members of the Legislature who are here and who are conscious, do you hear what I am saying to you? The bottom of page 4 says judges of the court of appeals shall be subject to the same provisions relating to selection. If the bill says that it deals with how these judges are selected, how can an amendment dealing with how they're selected be considered not germane? This bill talks about salary. Suppose I want to offer an amendment relative to salary, is that going to be considered not germane even though the bill raises it? A matter is germane if it relates to the subject under discussion. I have to repeat the question again. How can an amendment relative to selection of judges be considered not germane to a bill which talks about the selection of judges? This boggles my mind except that this is one of those bills which has been greased, the majority of the senators I know are not sitting with their knuckles about to come through their skin because they are in such anticipation and anxiety over how this bill is going to be handled. When the consequences of this bill begin to come in, when attorneys and others in your district who may become aware of the negative aspects of this bill begin to contact you, then you will want to say you are not aware of what the bill would do. What I hope that we will do this afternoon, whether you like what the amendment purports to do or dislike it, is not make a shambles of our system by saying that amendments which go to the subject matter of the bill are not