

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I'd rise for a point of order.

SPEAKER BAACK: State your point.

SENATOR LYNCH: I would like to question the germaneness. I believe that motorcycles and seat belts are two separate issues. This reminds me of a shotgun wedding. Apparently, whoever rides the motorcycles wants to get married to those who use seat belts and I might be a reluctant bridegroom. But anyhow, Senator Moore's purpose is, obviously, to tie in two issues that are completely separate issues altogether. I think to confuse the issues would be unfair as far as the state is concerned as well, but we can argue that should it be declared germane, but I would hope that in the eyes of the Chair that they would understand, regardless of whether or not what sections of the law are involved, that these are, in fact, two separate issues and I would ask for a ruling that this amendment is not germane.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore, would you like to respond, please?

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I believe if you'll look, both of these issues are in 39-6. That, by itself, may not make it germane, but I guess they're...a helmet and a seat belt, obviously, are two different things, but nevertheless they're in the...they both have the intent of highway safety, they're both mandating upon citizens of the state certain behavior in certain activity. I guess they're just two different types of safety and so, I mean, I, particularly this year, given our germaneness rule, I'd be hard pressed to see how it cannot be germane given the fact that it's...they're doing exactly the same thing in different ways and they're in the same section of law.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch, I am going to rule that it is germane.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.