

SENATOR MILLS: Now, how much does a brand inspection cost, now?

SENATOR LAMB: Thirty cents per head.

SENATOR MILLS: So, those persons who perhaps own, let me give you an example it may be far out, but in a county that's contiguous to a brand area county, there may be a lot of feeders in that county. They may be feeding thousands and thousands head of cattle, but they are individuals or corporations, they have one vote. There are fourteen people who each have two cattle and they could then, if they are 55% compel the feeders to be involved in the brand area. Is that right?

SENATOR LAMB: That is correct, except for one thing which I should have mentioned earlier. Under present brand law, there is a provision for registration feed lots. So, that they can be registered as a feed lot and subject to inspection at any time. They are not required to have brand inspection as the cattle flow in and out of their lot. The inspector is, however, free to come and make a spot check and the cost is reduced. It is a flat fee and in case of large feed lots, it is a lesser charge.

SENATOR MILLS: Don't they pay though a cost of the amount of head that they feed, there is still a cost of them that would be incurred if they're in a brand area or if they're not in a brand area. That's the point.

SENATOR LAMB: That's correct, there is a flat fee involved.

SENATOR MILLS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Mills, I would object to an amendment to include a part county into a branded area. I have this now in my district and it would create a hardship to the cattle feeders in the eastern part of this county. Therefore, I would object to an amendment like this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz. Senator Lamb, would you like a closing argument on this matter?

SENATOR LAMB: I would only reiterate that this is a bill which makes it possible for the brand inspection area of the state to be expanded in an orderly manner. I move the advancement of LB 191.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. Record your vote. Record the vote.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 10.

CLERK: Read title to LB 10.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I move for the advancement of LB 10 to E & R Initial. All the bill does was to correct an internal reference to relationship to Chapter 30, Article 1, which was erroneous. Article 1 is now contained in Article 23. Emery Burnett thought we should have a public hearing of it