

but as I understand they would use just one mark to signify the purpose of a spayed heifer and that would probably, if we add this language, would be an open-end spade. The other letters signify other procedures that may have taken place with the animal, but I'm unfamiliar with how they do that. But I understand it will be just one mark.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, perhaps we can discuss this privately. I think there is some confusion here. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, for discussion.

SENATOR DIERKS: It would probably take me a little more than 15 minutes to describe the spay surgery. Pardon me, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the branding is very simple. The letter "F" is used to designate cattle that are going to be fed in a feedlot. That letter is reserved for animals that come to our state from states with a lesser degree of brucellosis standing than our state has. So the letter "F" does not indicate that the animals are spayed. That indicates the animals are actually going to be fed under quarantine. The spayed indication will be an open spade, like the spade on a playing card, be open at the bottom so that it won't blotch. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion on LB 450. If not, Senator Scofield, would you care to close?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Just move to advance the bill, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall LB 450 be advanced to E & R Initial? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the advancement of the bill. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 450.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 450 is advanced. Before proceeding to the next bill I am pleased to announce that Senator Jackie Smith has some guests under the north balcony representing the Communications Workers of America, Steve Klein, Darrel McCartney, Carol Scalimier and Bruce Domeier. Would you