

want to be made a part of the brand area. And if the majority of the individuals that own livestock in Howard County would vote to join the brand area, then they would become part of the brand area. It would be conducted at the County Extension Office for five business days. There shouldn't be a lot of expense involved because the County Extension Office, they are there every day, and they would be able to have, to draw up, either you favor or you oppose having Howard County in the brand area, and they have done this before on some different issues where you go and you certify that you are in livestock or that you own livestock, and when you would do that then you would also say that you are...also you would just vote. You'd sign a piece of paper that you do own some livestock and then the county clerk would be the one that would have to count the ballots. So it's a very simple amendment. It's an amendment, like I said, that Senator Jones said that he would accept on General File. I think it is a way to find out whether a county wants to be in or out of a brand area. I'd be glad to answer any questions on this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Byars are exchange students, Monica Brueckner and Bernadette Nothofen from Germany. They are accompanied by their hostess, and they comment that they are here to get to know the American way of life and improve their English language and make new friends. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Senator Elmer, followed by Senators Haberman, Hartnett, and Jones. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Would Senator Schellpeper yield to a question please?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Sure, I'd be glad to.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Schellpeper, is this a generic amendment that would allow this kind of vote in any county that is adjacent to an existing brand area?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't think so because this amendment just states Howard County, it doesn't say any other, it lists just Howard County. So I don't think it would be...

SENATOR ELMER: Would you be amenable to letting...to making it