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State Veterinarian for duty at the auction markets. Current law provides only that the veterinarians be qualified as duly licensed. The definition and use of the new term is consistent with current practice for selecting designated veterinarians. Horses and mules are removed from the definition of livestock for purposes of the act. The practical consequences is to remove the requirement for health inspections when these species are sold through a livestock auction market. This change reflects changes in the industry. Very few horses or draft animals are sold through the auction markets anymore. Most horses and mules that sold at auctions are sold at private sales which are exempt from the requirements of the act. The bill increases the compensation of the public member of the Livestock Auction Market Board from the current \$10 per day of actual service to \$50 per day or \$25 for a half day of actual service. And, finally, the bill adopts the recommendation of the Program Evaluation and Review Committee to repeal the Livestock Market Act. This act, similar to the Livestock Auction Act, applied only to the Omaha Stockyards. The Omaha Stockyards are no longer in existence. I'd ask your favorable support of the legislation and advance it on to E & R and to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Dierks. There are no lights on. Did you wish to say anything in closing on LB 197? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 197. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 197.

SENATOR COORDSEN: LB 197 is advanced to E & R Initial. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 198, Mr. President, by Senator Dierks. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Dierks, to