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showed up or never knew about the hearing are very alarmed at the change in the law. I think it is time we have a second public hearing and allow those people to be heard. So I urge everyone to oppose the committee amendments and let's look at this another year when all are represented at the hearing. All of us in the committee wanted to do what was best for the county of Knox County and it appeared that everything was sailing smoothly and the situation certainly changed since that time. Thank you for the time. If anyone, if I have any remaining time, maybe Senator Schmit would want to answer some of what I have said on this.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hefner. You have about one minute and then the bill will expire.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, but I believe we started on this at 10:19. I marked that down also. 10:19 and 10:28 leaves I believe 6 minutes.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, I guess you are right. I was looking at a different clock.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body, let me get my thoughts back again. I think I was telling you that the Stockgrowers did oppose it at the hearing but later we were able to work out an agreement with them and so at the present time they are not opposing removing these two townships from the brand area. Like I told you before, I would probably be against this but it is on the eastern border of the brand area and so therefore I don't think it will make that much difference. The Livestock Feeders Association are supporting this amendment and are supporting the bill. But I think I ought to tell you a little bit more and I want to get this into the record, and this is what Senator Burrows was talking about. I did receive other petitions after the hearing and let me analyze that a little bit. They opposed this amendment and one of those, and I want you to hear this, one of those that was taking the petition around was a member or works for the Brand Committee, and so he and his wife got 50 signatures and, of course, 11 of these are married. They are married couples living in a household and both of those signed, and I think I told you in the previous petition that the other people that circulated the original petition got only one from a household. And so I think we ought to consider that. And in checking over the petition from the opposition, 20...20 of these people that signed the