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petition do not even live in the branding area. They live along the border outside the branding area, so that leaves 19 signatures of persons living in the brand area but 8 of these, 8 out of the 19 are from town, from the town of Bloomfield that signed these petitions. They are truckers or businessmen. So in my best judgment, over 90 percent of these people that are living in these two and a half townships want to be removed from the branding area, and, therefore, I think that we should adopt this amendment and let them get out of the branding area. If you have any questions, I would be real happy to answer them for you. I also urge you to adopt this amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, Mr. Chairman and members, I have no idea what the agreements are between the Stockgrowers and Senator Hefner or Senator Hefner's people that are asking for this exemption. But I can tell you how one member of this Legislature who happens to live in the brand area, who happens to believe that the brand area should be larger instead of smaller feels about this issue. I think that it would be ridiculous for this Legislature to start making more exceptions in the brand area. If we do anything as far as the brand area is concerned, it seems to me that we should expand it rather than to make it smaller. Let me tell you how it operates under the present system and the discrepancies that I think result as a result of that. Under the present system if you happen to live on one side of a county line out there somewhere as opposed to the other side, then your animals... any movement that you might have from those animals from your place you have to have a brand inspector before they are moved, before there are any transactions take place, and I think that is proper. I think that is the way it should be, but maybe just across the road on the other side of the county line, if it happens to be out of the brand area, movement can take place between different owners without any brand inspection at all. Now that results in a situation where it is very difficult to enforce the brand laws, it is very difficult to keep track of not only stray animals that might stray away but also animals that walk away with a little assistance, a little two-legged assistance perhaps. And if that sort of thing can take place out there right across county lines and it does right now, I suggest to you that making more exceptions in the brand law is going to make that sort of situation much more prevalent. Now I understand that there are some