

as amended? Senator Schmit, I guess that is again, your opening and your closing. The question then is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 953. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The committee amendment is adopted. Any further amendments now? All right, first, Senator Schmit, you may proceed to explain the bill but we do have some amendments on the desk so why don't you go ahead at this time and explain the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will try to be brief because I am sure there will be other discussion but I will briefly run through the bill and ask that you follow through with me. Section 3 of the bill describes the legislative intent. I'll skip the first couple of sections which are definitive in themselves. Section 4 creates the Nebraska Beef Industry Development Board composed of seven members who are residents of Nebraska, at least 21 years old, have been actively engaged in the beef industry for at least the past five years, derive a substantial portion of their income from the beef industry. Section 5 divides the state into six districts for election of one member from each. The seventh member is appointed by the six elected members. Section 6 empowers the Secretary of State to conduct an election 60 days after the effective date of this act. Candidates may have their names placed on the ballot by submitting a petition signed by at least 200 qualified voters as defined in Section 2. Section 7 provides for subsequent elections and the filling of vacancies. Section 8 provides for removal of members by a two-thirds vote of the board for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct or failure to meet the qualifications for election to the board. Section 9 provides for expenses for the board members. Section 10 provides for the initial special and regular meetings of the board at least once every three months, keeping of records, election of officers and appointment of an at large member at the initial meeting. Section 11 allows the board to appoint an executive director and fix his salary. Provision is also made for other employees as may be needed, delegation of powers and duties to the executive director, expenses for office space, furniture and other operational costs. Section 12 outlines the duties of the board in implementing this act to include the following: Number one, to develop programs consistent with the purposes of the act. Number 2, foreign market development. Number three, domestic market development. Number four, address transportation problems and other trade impediments. Number five, to procure and