

evaluate necessary data. Number six, to prepare and approve a budget. Number 7, to issue the rules and regulations. Number 8, to employ personnel and contract for services. Number 9, to allow industry input on at least an annual basis. Number 10, to authorize the expenditure of funds. Number 11, to bond the executive director and other employees if necessary. 12, to prohibit the expenditure of funds to promote or oppose candidates for public office. 13, to make refunds for overpayment of fees and 14, to exercise all incidental powers necessary to carry out this act. Section 13 provides that there be paid a fee of twenty-five cents per head on all cattle sold in the state during the first year of the program. After the first year the board may raise or lower the fee as needed and after public hearing but shall not exceed one dollar per head. This section also makes provision for collection of fees for both commercial and noncommercial sales. Section 14 provides for record keeping collection, retention and remittance of fees. Section 15 requires the board to prepare an annual report detailing revenues, expenditures, actions and operations of the board during the preceding year. Such reports shall be available to the public upon request. Section 16 establishes the beef industry cash fund in the state treasury for accrediting of fees collected under the act. Section 17 as amended by the committee amendments. Section 18 establishes a Class IV misdemeanor for a violation of this act. Section 19 amends the brand laws to allow employees of the Brand Committee to assist in the collection of certain fees as provided in Section 13 (a). Section 20 establishes the operative dates. 21 is a repealer and 22 is the emergency clause. I would be glad to answer any questions. I'm sure there are some and I would encourage the membership of the body to ask those questions. I or other members of the committee or other interested persons on the floor who are interested in the livestock industry will be glad to answer those questions.

PRESIDENT: I guess we are ready, Mr. Clerk, for the first amendment to LB 953. Amendment on the desk. Read the amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment is offered by Senator Vickers and that amendment is found on page 1225 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, this amendment is the amendment that I understand that all livestock producers are supposed to be opposed to but I've got a little bit of it on my boots too, and I'm not opposed to it and I don't think