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receipts of the Omaha stockyards our assessment at three cents a head would have been over \$52,000 and their major source of income is derived from yardage charged to the farmers and ranchers who use the facilities in Omaha for the sale of their livestock. They said that they could not absorb this fee and they would have to pass it on to the farmer which would only add another burden as they already have so many to shoulder. They also note that in Section 8 the livestock sold through the livestock markets and the fees for livestock slaughtered, in many instances they would be very well be the same animal and thereby they would be having a double collection. The amendments do not include feedlots as a source of revenue and annually thousands of head are sold and purchased through these facilities which are not registered and, therefore, not subject to the fee. So I urge the adoption of the amendment that Senator Schmit and I cosponsored on LB 966. I think it is something that we have to look at very closely, especially the outstate farmer will be burdened with another five cents per head. Thank you.