

thereof in western Nebraska, last year, we created the Dry Bean Commission which gives...most of the members are in western Nebraska, that to the detriment of the eastern part of the state. So I think we have taken care of agriculture most fairly in this issue.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss this bill? Senator Wehrbein, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I better get a closing hit in here. I simply want to say, if you reverse this on cattle, there are more cattle in western Nebraska than there are people, and I think Howard Lamb gets his due on the checkoff board on the cattle side. So I don't think it's as unfair as he'd like to tell you it is. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing. We'll now vote on the advancement of LB 367. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 367.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 367 advances. We'll now go to LB 685.

CLERK: LB 685, introduced by Senator Rod Johnson. (Read title.) Introduced on January 23, referred to Agriculture, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I believe it is apropos that we be...we are in the midst of changing some of these commodity board districts the same year that we will be doing reorganization and reapportionment. I have presented to you a handout, that is on your desk, that shows three maps of the state. The first one, on the cover sheet, is the original structure of the Nebraska Wheat board that was set up in 1955. And you can see how the state was divvied up at that point with its representation. In 1969 the Legislature chose to change the representation, or change the districts to more evenly reflect the production of wheat across the state. And that is on the second page. The third page is basically the way the districts would be drawn under the bill, LB 685, again, the purpose being