

members, districts, length of terms, eligibility for election to the board will remain the same as provided under the current statutes. Subsequent election of members of the board shall be from such districts and for such terms as to provide adequate representation for producers. This allows changes to be made, in the district, in terms at a later date, through the bylaw amendment committee process if those changes are desired. Elections will be conducted through a contract with the co-op extension service and provisions will be made for absentee ballots. Employees of the beef board will transfer across to the Nebraska Beef Council with similar salaries and benefits. The financial records of the Nebraska Beef Council will be audited annually by a CPA according to the requirements found in the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985. The duties of the Nebraska Beef Council will be those of a qualified state beef council as provided under the national order, and any amendments to the bylaws shall not become effective unless approved by a committee consisting of three members of the Board of Directors, one representative from each eligible organization; and these are the Nebraska Cattlemen, the Nebraska Cattlewomen, the Nebraska Farm Bureau, and dairy as recognized under the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985. The amendments would then be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the board. These are one of the...part of the amendments that had held up the bill for a while, some of them thinking that something could be changed without it going through a representative from all these different organizations. And the current beef board shall contract with the Nebraska Beef Council for the transfer of property. Originally, the property was owned by the Nebraska Cattlemen, and basically was given to the new organization for \$1 so now they would like to have it back because it was all state beef cattle money to begin with. There was never \$1 of state money involved in any of this. Books and files shall be transferred to the Nebraska Beef Council. And then the Director of the Department of Agriculture would review the articles and bylaws to be sure that they contain what the bill says that they must contain. This is to be completed by September 15th, 1991, and then the Ag Director will notify the Nebraska Beef Council, the beef board, and the Auditor of Public Accounts that the article and bylaws are in order. Now the Auditor of Public Accounts will then conduct a close-out audit of all financial and accounting records of the Nebraska Beef Industry Development Board as of September 30, 1991, and file certified copies of the audit with the Ag Director and the Nebraska Beef Council. If everything is complied with, on October 1, 1991, the Nebraska