

obviously, as you know in the cattle industry there are some problems in the direction of calf stealing, for the most part. What the people that wrote the bill, when they came to me, they simply put the word "livestock" in, thinking that would take care of the cattle problem. And the more we got into the debate on Select File it became apparent that that was going to cause other problems, one of which Senator Beutler referred to, that if we passed the bill the way it was, that someone who stole a small pig, for example, which value would not be \$300, that would be a felony. And so the people got together in the cattle industry and said, this was our bill that we'd like to have for the cattle industry, let's clarify it for...at least for the Class IV, which would be the \$300 or less, put more...put no value on that, specify for the cattle...that would be specifically for cattle, the rest of the section, with the felonies of 1,000, would apply to everything else. And they basically said, we'd rather not get into all the other details at this particular time. That's as open and frank as I can be on the drafting of the bill.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, thank you, that explains it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Bernard-Stevens?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Simply, I'd like to return the bill back for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator. We'll now vote on the motion to return LB 218 to Select File. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is approved. Senator Bernard-Stevens, are you ready to speak to the motion now...the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Madam President. I would simply, at this point, the amendment is to strike the word "livestock" and put in "cattle." And at this particular point I would like to urge the body to adopt the amendment, and then we'll go to