

Senator Wickersham's amendment, which I hope will clarify everything for the body and we'll vote on it at that point. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Does anyone wish to speak to this amendment? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I believe Senator Bernard-Stevens, and I know that he's working, but I think, Senator Pirsch, you're right. I think the way the amendment is worded is that when you have a specific section, like a group of cattle, and you're going to say regardless of value, that's exactly what those words mean are regardless of value. And you will be precluded from having the higher class felony to be charged. And I know that Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Wickersham are over here drafting, on the floor, to address that problem. But I think the real problem is when you take a group, let's, for example, say you go in and take a bunch of small calves, whose value probably is very, very small, and those are all small misdemeanors. You can't aggregate and take all those together to get one felony. In other words, you've got maybe 25 little misdemeanors, and you don't have enough value, and that's the purpose that they want to do, is that if you take anything it's a felony. What they really want to do is aggregate. But I think Senator Pirsch is probably correct in that this would preclude you from a Class III misdemeanor. As long as the body knows that you're on one hand taking away a higher penalty for stealing something of value in return for maybe getting something lower, it's sort of a happy medium. But it's good and bad news. With that, I think, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I would urge you to reexamine that, and I think that there are other ways to correct it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, I think everything has been said that needs to be said. I just wanted to indicate it's the amendment coming after this one that I think really solves the problem. So I don't want to comment further on this one. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you