

reduced some of the problems that exist in the western part of the state, particularly in the cattle and other industries. I also want to deviate just a second, though I understand this is not germane, and I want to thank all of my cohorts in the body for your phone calls, and flowers, and letters, and offers of congratulations. Yesterday was an exciting day for my family, and I'm glad that we were able to share that, and just one little piece with you all, and I appreciate that very, very much. Somehow when you get...and when you watch the miracle of life, it is a fabulous, fabulous concept that God created somehow, it was wonderful. And I appreciate and I hope that we vote yes on this amendment by Senator Wickersham, and we advance it then to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Are there any other senators wishing to speak on this motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Wickersham? Closing is waived. All those in favor of the motion to return LB 218 to Select File please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is approved, and we are on Select File. Senator Wickersham. (Wickersham amendment appears on page 1322 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President, members of the body, we've had some discussion of the amendment. I hope it's reasonably clear, perhaps Senator Pirsch wants to discuss the intent of her bill, since in effect we're amending it into LB 218. But I really have no further remarks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Members of the body, there's little I can add to the esteemed attorneys that have already spoken on aggregation of theft. I thank Senator Wickersham for even seeing the opportunity, because I think this would solve the solution of not only the theft of livestock, but also the theft of other things that many times in the aggregate should be classified and charged at the higher level. This will solve a great many problems, as well as the livestock industry. So I do support it, and hope you do, too.