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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. I'll now recognize Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Pirsch. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Wickersham a question, too, please.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Wickersham, several weeks ago I brought a bill to Judiciary Committee that called for some help for merchants who receive bad checks. In that legislation we called for an aggregation of checks to allow them to reach a certain level so they could be pronounced a felony. Would this legislation that Senator Pirsch has introduced and you've attached to this bill provide for that same restitution as far as the check schemes are concerned?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I think if we were going to include bad checks, we'd have to make a specific reference to that. Those are actually dealt with in the fraud sections of the statutes. This is specific to theft.

SENATOR DIERKS: So this particular theft by bad check writing wouldn't be involved here.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, again, the bad check statutes are in a defrauding portion of the code. They are not technically in the theft sections.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you.

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

SENATOR PIRSCH: I just want to point out that the aggregation of thefts is indeed in our federal law and in our surrounding states and, in fact, that possibly is why they don't have to worry about their livestock as much, but it has certain limitations and the court makes that decision and I just think it's a good idea. Hope you will support it.