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with you and I think that perhaps, I know that Senator Beutler makes a good point, but I do believe that we do have a reasonable reason for this type of classification, and I think, as far as I am concerned, I will support your amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We will now go to Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there is little more I can add as to the bad policy of sorting out one particular commodity that we are going to say is a higher felony to steal, despite the amount of value. I do support Senator Bernard-Stevens in this effort. However, if, indeed, we want to accomplish that kind of theft under one course of action, then I think we definitely should consider my bill, LB 111, which calls for that aggregation of thefts, no matter what the product may be, no matter what the commodity. I reluctantly would support taking that off. I do understand that some of the lawyers are nervous, although aggregation of thefts was in our criminal code before they redid it in 1976. And, of course, most of the states in the United States have it. It is an additional tool in our theft statutes, one, as I say, which makes attorneys nervous, perhaps, but something that we should do, particularly when we are looking at the cattle theft that the livestock producers are concerned with, but also in our small businesses, our store owners, and across the state many who would like to, particularly in the area of restitution, have this tool of aggregation of thefts. Again, we cannot include making one commodity a special theft, so I reluctantly will support the Bernard...or I will oppose Bernard-Stevens' amendment, and I guess make up my mind on the next amendment that comes along, whether I will support that or not.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, and I must say that when I say briefly, actually this year it has actually meant that. There have been three or four times I have had time left over that I have given back, and so I have accumulated all that extra time, and at some point I will use it. I will get the extra time, I am sure, to do so, but not on this particular one. I want to make it very clear that I support, Senator Pirsch, I support your concept of LB 111. I think it is a good thing, and if we agree with this amendment and we delete that