

attorney and I don't want to prosecute a felony, I will change it to attempted theft. I mean they can get around that, and I understand that, and that is a problem that people in their own counties need to work with their county attorneys on. But a simple statement that says we are not going to encourage misdemeanors, we are going to say this is a major industry, this is something that is different from Senator Beutler's office furniture, this is a calf that has tremendous value, and we know what the value is going to be. It will clearly appreciate in value as the weight is put on. And I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Now we will go to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bernard-Stevens, what would be the breakpoint between stealing a calf and a cow? At what point would there be a difference between stealing a calf and a cow?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I would assume the same point that would be on a computer or anything else on what point, for something that appreciates in value, gets bigger, at what point does that reach the point of the statutes now where we have a value set in stone.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bernard-Stevens, if you were going to lose an item to a thief, would you rather the thief say I may as well steal the cow as the calf because the punishment is going to be so great anyway? If I am going to risk it, I had better risk it for something of greater value. Is that what you are trying to do now, encourage them to leave the calves alone and go for the cow, since the penalty is going to be increased anyway, is that your intent?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is an interesting way of putting it. I will circulate the argument back at you and say, if I am going to use circular arguments, which is a good way to do, debate on the floor, I'd put it back to you and say, no, what we