

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with the amendments that we have before us, we can at least clean up LB 218. To get that job done in the way that it should, I think we should reject the amendment that Senator Bernard-Stevens is offering now. He explained in his opening that he has another one, and the second one would do a better job than this first one. He is testing the waters, sending up a trial balloon, trying to catch people's attention with this first flawed amendment. I think Senator Bernard-Stevens has been successful to a marked degree in achieving that. So that end having been achieved, I wish he would just withdraw this amendment. But he may feel the need, since he is riding this horse, to go as far as it will carry him before he is unhorsed. But I think we ought not return the bill for this amendment, and we ought to take his second one, which is far more serious,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...has far more merit.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members, I have to confess I was a little uncomfortable when this conversation started because all I was hearing from were attorneys from Omaha and Lincoln, and I wonder, I just thought maybe we ought to...at least I was relieved when Senator Schmit offered a little bit of advice for us. You know, Senator Chambers, I guess I had a little question. You made a remark about these cattle thieves going out of business and losing a part of Americana. I wonder if that was all that bad, you know, but the other thing I was remembering was that my granddad told me one time that they used to shoot horse thieves. I don't believe that the horse thief was asked or told whether he was committing a felony or a misdemeanor, and I don't think they even really took much consideration as to how valuable the horse was. But that did happen, and someone here mentioned a little bit ago that someday we will probably want to do the same thing for someone who steals a car. Back in the early days, why I guess stealing a horse was about equivalent to stealing a car, so maybe we are in trouble. I am not sure. Someone also asked how they established the value of these animals. Most of the time that