

under call. Senator Haberman, would you record your presence, please. Senator Hefner, would you record your presence, please. Senator Robak, would you please record your presence. We are looking for Senators Hartnett and Warner. And we have a request for a roll call vote from Senator Lindsay. Senator Bernard-Stevens said that we may proceed. Mr. Clerk, roll call vote.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1419-20 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 13 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The bill is returned. We will now go to the amendment on the bill. The call is raised. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on your amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think the discussion has been thorough enough on the amendment. It is two parts. It takes away the aggregation and changes the theft so that any theft of livestock under \$1,000 would be a Class IV felony. The rest of the statute stays the same and that is the nature of the amendment, and I urge its adoption.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Further discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, now that the bill has been returned and the amendment, itself, is before us, here is what I wish we would consider. Adopting this amendment is not going to change the way prosecutors prosecute. It is not going to reduce the amount of cattle theft. The only reason Senator Bernard-Stevens, in my opinion, brought this is because somebody in his district wanted him to bring it. We are perverting the system of lawmaking. We are perverting the system of establishing categories of punishments. We are not going to impact on any kind of a problem so now these cattle growers will feel that something great has been done by the Legislature, but all that we have done is to pervert and subvert what it is that we are supposed to be doing. You are not going to find cattle growers doing the same thing to benefit the Legislature. At some point, the system has to be given some consideration and respect by those of us who operate within it. We are the ones who establish these procedures. We criminalize the conduct. We establish the punishment. The punishment should not be based on who is involved. The cattle growers don't deserve this. No