

inside and praying that you all will listen to me because I am saying to you what he cannot say. He doesn't want this amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Time, Senator Chambers. Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Members of the body, it is interesting, on one side you hear members talk, say it will have little effect, and then they go, because of some area they have been fighting for a long time, it strikes a chord in them and they say, no, we can't make any changes for any particular industry, we can't do that. This is special interest legislation, I hear. I guess I would answer, yeah, cattle people are special in the State of Nebraska, and I have an interest in that industry. And if that is how we define special interest in this case, I think it would be a good definition. You know, part of the discussion that we have had in the back as we have been listening to those that have graduated from law schools and those that are passed the bar discuss things on the floor, how interesting it is that the urban attorneys, for the most part, get up in arms. It would be really nice if they, sometime, could get the experience, to go out to where the action really is in the area of this bill and talk to cattle feeders and talk to stock growers out there. You know, because if you have insurance, it is really interesting, I am not even sure in many cases you will be able to get the theft insurance. It is very difficult to prove theft, and that is one of the frustrations that's out there. You can't get reimbursement many times on the one hand, or cost is so prohibitive you can't afford to do that, and yet on the other hand, when it is caught, it is a misdemeanor. And I hear Senator Chambers and Senator Lindsay when they say, and they ask Senator Kristensen, and they mold the questions the way they want to mold it to get the answer that they want to prove the point that they want to, and that is really good. It is fun to watch that manipulation, if you will. It is fun to watch. I would like to get a little reality here, if I can. The reality of the situation is that we have an industry that is very important to the State of Nebraska that the incentive on the current law is to force people to steal the calves because it will be a misdemeanor. That is what the law is now. So if you don't agree to this amendment, then what you are basically saying is, yeah, we think...we want people to go ahead and steal the calves because we know that