

transport animals to a nearby veterinary clinic without having to have the brand inspection certificate, which would otherwise be required for movement across the boundary. As originally introduced, 1174 limited the use of the permits to transporting animals to a contiguous county or to the nearest veterinarian. The committee amendments then strike the requirement that the permit is limited to a contiguous county and requires that the veterinarian be nearby and not necessarily the nearest veterinarian. Section 3 of the bill enables peace officers to stop vehicles transporting livestock and request that the operator show proof of ownership or a permit signed by the owner authorizing the transport. The committee amendments provide that peace officers shall have reasonable cause to question the ownership of the livestock being transported or the legality of the transport in order to stop the vehicle. The amendments also provide that the permits required by this section do not apply to the actual owners of the livestock or their employees. I will have an amendment to the committee amendment shortly which will strike the reference to the ability to stop a vehicle when a peace officer has reason to question the legality of the transport. I'll explain that when that amendment comes up. Finally, LB 1174 changes current law by which landowners are held liable for damages caused by livestock getting out of their enclosure onto another landowner's property. Currently the statute provides that such livestock owners are liable only for damages to cultivated land, "cultivated". The bill simply strikes the word "cultivated" so that livestock owners are liable for damage to any land. Section 5 and 6 are just harmonizing changes. With that, I've explained the committee amendments and even the bill, I guess, so I would ask for approval of those committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Mr. Clerk, I understand you have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Senator Dierks, I have the first amendment filed by you with a note, Senator, you want to withdraw AM3302.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Dierks would move to amend the committee amendments with AM3557. (Dierks amendment may be found on page 1057 of the Legislative Journal.)