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LB 776

that. Mr. Clerk, LB 776.

CLERK: (LB) 776, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Dierks. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to Agriculture, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Fence viewer laws were established as a means of determining landowner responsibilities arising from fence disputes. It's the duty of the county clerk to appoint a panel of fence viewers. Members on the fence viewer panel...membership on the fence viewer panel is not mandatory. As a result, the county clerk may find it difficult to appoint enough willing fence viewers to resolve the disputes. LB 776 would cause the county sheriff to serve in the place of fence viewers, if the county clerk is unable to assign three fence viewers. The bill also expands the definition of a lawful fence to include all fences strong enough to protect enclosures and to resist breaching stock. Would you like me to go to the committee amendments, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You're recognized to open on the committee amendment. (See Standing Committee amendment, AMO497, on page 789 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR DIERKS: The committee amendments just clarify Section 34-107 to mean that the sheriff can either sit as one member of a panel of three fence viewers, or in place of the entire panel of fence viewers. The bill had no opposition in testimony, and was advanced by the committee five to zero. I appreciate your advancement to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Debate on the committee amendments? Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.