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before the body is the advancement of LB 573. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 573.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 573 advances. Before we move to the next bill, Senator Hudkins is proud to announce she has the following guests visiting the Legislature this morning: they are 50 fourth graders from the Ashland Elementary School in Ashland. They're up in the north balcony with their teachers. Would you all stand and wave to us so we can recognize you. Thanks for being with us. LB 778.

CLERK: (LB) 778 by Senator Dierks. (Read title.) Introduced January 20, referred to the Agriculture Committee, 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. This bill makes...it does no substantive changes in the brand law. It just simply brings the law under more concise placement and we did this just as a matter of making it easier for people to go to the law and read it and make it more readable. So there's no substantive changes here. What this does is the brand law as you know, the Brand Act, governs the use, application, registration and inspection of ownership brands on cattle and other livestock, and it applies to only certain areas of the state where the brand law is in effect. So we changed none of that. We just simply simplify the language. With that, I'd ask your approval of the...and advancement of LB 778.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open on the committee amendment. (Standing Committee amendment AM0829 is found on page 1047 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, the committee amendments, Mr. Speaker, are...it just changes language to ensure that there are no changes in the interpretation of the affected sections. We just want to make it absolutely sure you understand we're not