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LB 213

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members, I just rise in support of the amendment and ask for the body's support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close. Senator Dierks waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM2380 to LB 213. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Dierks' amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. Discussion on advancement of LB 213, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, and members of the body, a lot of people are concerned about what is freeze branding. Well, on my ranch we just did 45 head just about 30 days ago and a lot of people wonder how you do it. Well, you take alcohol and you put dry ice in it, and you put the brand in it, in the dry ice and the alcohol, and then you shave the critter's spot where you want to brand. What we did is for year brand, and we have to hold it then on them for 60 seconds. And then when you get done doing that, you can't see anything that you've done. It just don't show no mark and you won't see nothing until probably next summer. I can still see where it has been shaved off right now but there is no brand there yet, and when we did it on black cattle, and next summer now when their hair starts growing out, it'll grow out white hair in place of black hair on a black animal, and that's what you call freeze branding. And sometimes it don't take, I wouldn't advise using it on Charolais because they are white already and I don't think you're going to change the color of that hair much. But, anyway, that's what I use it for is identification, and with this brand, the way it's been redrafted, I'll support it. But sometimes it won't take, but most of the time it will if you get the hair shaved off real good and get a good brand on there and hold it for 60 seconds. So I just wanted to bring you up-to-date on what freeze branding is in case some of you wondered.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Schmitt, you're recognized to close. Senator Schmitt waives closing.