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adoption of the committee amendments offered by the Agriculture Committee to LB 274. Have you all voted who wish to? We're voting on the committee amendments to LB 274. Have you all voted? Have you...we're voting on the committee amendments to LB 274. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend with AM0506. (Legislative Journal pages 612-613.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers to open on AM0506.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this should be on your gadget now. Currently, dealers have to be licensed. All of those others who handle animals are required to be licensed. A dealer, a commercial breeder, a boarding kennel, all have to be licensed. The license has to be renewed annually. I was not aware at the time I brought this bill that pet shops are not licensed. So this amendment would require that pet shops be licensed. I offered the amendment when I presented the bill to the committee. In attendance were those who represented breeders and kennel owners and dealers. They are aware of pet shops in their area, I presume. The original amendment that I offered to the committee required that a pet shop not offer for sale or transfer of ownership an animal that had not already been spayed or neutered. At least one committee member...and his view may have been shared by others...felt that this matter having been raised at the committee hearing did not give notice to pet shop owners that this spaying and neutering would be required. Others agreed with that. I'm not sure how everybody feels about requiring licensing of the pet shops. But the pet shop is the point at which ownership or possession is going to be transferred to the general public. By not being licensed, they're not subject to monitoring, control, or inspection, as are these others who handle animals. So the amendment that I'm offering here today