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SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will come to order. Will you please... Senators who are in their offices, would you please come to the legislative floor so we can begin the discussions for the afternoon, thank you. And when you come, please record your presence. Thank you. Please record your presence when you come in. Thank you. Senator Remmers, will you check in and we will get going then. Senator Wagner, if you would check in we would be ready to go. Thank you. We have a guest of Senator Wagner, Mrs. Evelyn Dvorak, president of the American Legion Auxiliary for the State of Nebraska under the South balcony. Would you please welcome her. Welcome to your Legislature. We will go on LB 393, Senator Hefner, here in a moment and, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 393 was a bill offered by Senator Schmit and Senator Hefner. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 17, referred to Ag and Environment. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Shall we lower our level of noise for a moment, please? Senator Dick Peterson, do you want to take the amendment?

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. President and members, the original bill removed on this brand inspection, removed the townships of Morton, Peoria and part of Addison Township and amendments that the Ag Committee proposed was to include the townships of Morton, Peoria, all of Addison, Herrick and Frankfort when we discussed this. This brings it in line from the grassland country out there to the farming country so we did include parts of Addison, the rest of Addison and Herrick and Frankfort which goes on up to the Missouri River so I ask for the adoption of these amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, did you want to talk to the amendments?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, just briefly I support the committee amendments and the reason that we added these three townships is because the people, the cattlemen, in these townships requested that they be removed from the branding area and I submitted petitions to the Ag Committee and over 90% of the cattlemen in these townships wanted to be removed. In fact, in