

trucks come to a screeching halt and check them. They can go on and go to a feedlot, they can be fed out someplace, taken to a slaughterhouse even with a brand on and not be inspected. Now my point is simply this. If the brand law is a good law, and I think it is, then it should be applicable to the entire state. I would support this bill if it would do that. I cannot support it in the fashion that it is in, taking, as Senator Lamb put it, another chip in that line. As a matter of fact, I would like to put up an amendment to make it apply to the whole state. I'm sure there is not enough sentiment here to do it but I do object to these little nicks in to the law that I consider to be a good one and one that should be applicable to everyplace and, therefore, am certainly not going to support LB 393, as I indicated, today, tomorrow or any other time. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, did you wish to close?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, in response to Senator Lamb's statement, we are not touching western Nebraska. We are in eastern Nebraska where I say that brand inspection law does not help us, and so I say if something does not help us, does not help our constituents, why do we insist that they remain in the brand area. It was also mentioned that we need the brand inspection law to identify the cattle that are stolen. In talking to all these cattlemen in this particular area they tell me that they have never had any cattle stolen. We have honest people in Knox County. We are not like western Nebraska. And to Senator Vickers' statement about people oppose the speeding law. It is true that not all the people support the 55 mile per hour speed limit but I think here we have it statewide whereas with the branding area we just have a portion of the state that is in the branding area and a portion of the state that is not in the branding area. All we would be doing with this bill is straightening that line out to an absolute north/south boundary line that could be easily identified and Senator Vickers also said that we should put all the state in the brand area. I submit to the body here that if we tried to do that, that we would have the State Capitol overrun by livestock feeders, by cattle feeders, because it is quite a job to get these cattle inspected before you sell them and not only that, but it is very costly. It costs forty cents a head to inspect these and, therefore, I move the advancement of LB 393 to Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the bill be advanced. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.