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concerned about the welfare and the outcome of libraries and I would presume and I haven't been in the public library for a long time, but I know because I go by one every evening that they are certainly well attended and there is one place in which those that desire information, can get the realm and variety of books in order to attempt within their minds whatever solution they think that they might have. I move for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: You moved Senator, to adopt?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move for the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Move to adopt the amendment. All in favor say aye, those opposed? It is adopted.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I want to talk about the next amendment, particularly you people who are interested in livestock. I went to the Secretary of State upon my own responsibility and he has quite a problem. I put on your desk just now an expert in what he has given to me from the records of his office and the operations of the problem that he is confronted with. He indicates as an illustration that in some counties in the state, the cattle country, you have got county attorneys who actually defend those that steal cattle and won't defend and protect the people who own them. This is not a rare case, it is rather common. He indicates that in order to attempt to correct this and the brand problem that develops he is going to have to have more money and more force in order to attempt to stop and create the actual problem. Now he says that the number of cattle stolen 250 losses last year represented 991 head of cattle. They recovered stray cattle in the amount of 1471 which involved 869 cattle owners, 45 head that were recovered which were proven stolen. 18,406 head of cattle were held for additional proof of ownership. Now it would seem to me that this should not be an amendment that I ought to offer, this ought to be an amendment....

PRESIDENT: Have you an amendment?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, he has it. It ought to be offered by people who have a prime interest and sometimes a self interest in the protection of the inventory and the control of livestock. I have tried last time to set up a nominal amount of money in order to allow someone to bring about some type of an effort a coordinated effort to stop this stealing of cattle. Now in this particular case, I would like to hear from some of those people who have the problem in which the area of which livestock is a pertinent problem of their life. This means nothing to me personally but it does in the area in which the people that I represent. I hope that some of you people would respond.

PRESIDENT: Senator Epke is next, then Senator Sull, however we have no motion we are talking from. Would you care too... would someone....

CLERK: Read amendment