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from the brand area. For the most part the Livestock Feeders would just as soon be out of the area. The stockgrowers and ranchers would just as soon that the area be kept intact. I would like to suggest that there was a recommendation made that this type of amendment should be the subject of a separate public hearing. I would like to also point out that there was present at the hearing a large number of individuals who supported the Hefner portion of the amendment. I believe, and I will ask Senator Hefner to comment on it, but I believe that we had at one time a vast majority of the individuals that were affected in the Knox County area had signed a petition requesting that they be excluded from the brand area. The original intent of the bill was some cleanup language by the brand committee as requested by the Secretary of State. So we have expanded on the bill, I want you to know that. But it isn't in the same section of the law and it is germane and I would recommend the adoption of the committee amendment and I would also ask if Senator Hefner would comment upon the committee amendment. I would yield my time to him.

SENATOR LAMB: The next speaker. Pardon?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would yield any of my time remaining to Senator Hefner if he chooses to speak on it.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to support the committee amendment and I will try to explain it a little more in detail to all of you here this morning. This amendment removes all of the Morton, Peoria and half of Addison Townships in Knox County from the brand area that we have in Nebraska. These three townships are on the eastern edge of the branding area, and, of course, as Senator Schmit says, whenever you try to change this boundary well you have people on opposite sides. But at the public hearing that was held I believe in January I was presented petitions that contained a 122 signatures of a possible...out of a possible 124 households, and, of course, they only asked for one person in each household to sign the petition. At the hearing the stockgrowers did oppose this amendment. They did oppose removing these two and a half townships from the brand area, but we were able to work out an amendment....

SENATOR LAMB: You have 20 seconds on Senator Schmit's time, Senator Hefner.