

to raise more cows? Or what if it is Senator Rogers doing it to raise more hogs to build a building of some sort? That is not a feedlot, necessarily. So it just seems to me that we had ought not to restrict this particular bill with that kind of a restriction. So I would ask for the adoption of the amendment that would make that sentence (c) read, "the feeding or raising of livestock.", period. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Vickers. I will go down the list that is on the board. I am not sure if they want to talk to the amendment or to the bill. Senator DeCamp, do you want to talk to the Vickers amendment? Senator Harris, do you want to talk on the amendment? Senator Vard Johnson, do you want to talk on the Vickers amendment? Okay, Senator Johnson, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would rise in opposition to Senator Vickers' amendment. Now, I happen to think LB 1124 reflects bad state policy and I will talk about that when I get my chance. I think it represents bad state policy because it provides an unnecessary tax expenditure over a long period of time. But given that belief of mind, Senator Vickers would say, well, Senator Johnson, I am just going to add insult to injury and make it even more unnecessary tax expenditure because not only do I think that a tax break should be provided to those who invest in feedlots, I think tax breaks should be provided to those who invest in cattle. It is my understanding that there are tons of tax breaks out there right now for those who invest in cattle. In fact, during the Initiative 300 Task Force meetings I continued to hear about tax investor cattle, tax investor cattle. And if the State of Nebraska decides that an additional tax break is needed for the raising of cattle, I think the state makes a real mistake. We just simply give away more of our tax base in an area where there already are enormous tax advantages. We should not support Senator Vickers' amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Nelson, on the Vickers amendment. Senator Wesely, on the Vickers amendment, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, just real briefly, I think the fact that it was limited to feedlots