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LB 1016

roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2111-12 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the...

PRESIDENT: The call of the house is raised. Thank you.

CLERK: The next amendment I have...

PRESIDENT: The call of the house is raised. Excuse me.

CLERK: ...is by Senator Rod Johnson.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Clerk, is this amendment 2951?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay. Mr. President and members, very quickly, this provision provides that we bring Nebraska in compliance with the 1985 farm bill that as it deals with the beef checkoff program, as some of you may be aware, the federal government, in passing the farm program, passed a dollar a head checkoff program. This is simply to bring Nebraska in compliance with that program since we already had a program of our own that instituted a 25 cents a head checkoff fee, this would circumvent that. It would not collect both a dollar and a quarter but rather the whole dollar and the state would receive a certain percentage back from the federal government for the collection of this fee. We would like to use this bill as a vehicle to get the checkoff program in compliance with federal changes. That is all the amendment does. I don't know of any opposition to it. You may be opposed to the checkoff program and you will get an opportunity for those of you who raise cattle, at least, to oppose that program. I think there is...after two years there is a referendum vote and at that time you can decide if you are a cattle producer. But all we are doing with this particular amendment is to try and bring Nebraska in compliance with the federal government changes in the '85 farm bill.