

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB654

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 19, 2013
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Davis
One Liner: Change the brand inspection area under the Livestock Brand Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Hansen, Harr, Johnson, Lathrop, Schilz, Wallman
Nay:
Absent: 1 Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Al Davis
David Wright
Wayne Hoffman
Earl Miller
Bill Langan
Junior Young
Darold Wickersham
Ron Stewart
Russell Hipke
Jim Dinklage
Paul Allen
Mike Ryan
Peyton Ramm
Greg Koinzan
Chris Abbott
John : Hansen
Jay Rempe
Doug Ferguson
Richard Schrunk
Gary Darnall

Representing:

Introducer
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska
Self
Self
Self
Holt County District Court
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska
Self
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska
Nebraska Farmers Union
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Self
Nebraska Livestock Sales
Self

Opponents:

Michael Kelsey

Representing:

Nebraska Cattlemen

Neutral:

David Hrbek
Steve Stanec

Representing:

Hrbek Farms
Nebraska Brand Committee

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 654 would expand statewide mandatory brand inspection for verification of ownership for certain movements of cattle

and transfers of ownership of cattle. The current mandatory brand inspection area is designated in 54-1,169 and generally includes only the western two-thirds of the state. The bill outright repeals 54-1,169 and amends the defined term brand inspection area to mean the state of Nebraska. The bill makes one harmonizing correction to an internal reference to the repealed section in 54-1183.

The bill provides for an operative date of January 1, 2014

Ken Schilz, Chairperson