



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 633

Chairperson: Philip Erdman
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: February 20, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 633 provides changes to the Competitive Livestock Markets Act, originally passed in 1999. Highlights of the bill are as follows:

- (1) Repeals existing sections pertaining to swine price discrimination and cattle contract procurement restrictions.
- (2) Replaces existing price discrepancy prohibitions for swine procurement, and replaces it with language prohibiting certain unfair procurement prohibitions listed under section 202 (7 U.S.C. 192) of the federal Packers & Stockyards Act. The bill applies to procurement of either swine or cattle.
- (3) Prohibits any unfair or unjustly discriminatory practice or giving or subjecting any person or locality to unreasonable preference and advantage, and extends this prohibition to the procurement practices of swine contractors.
- (4) Decouples prohibitions against discriminatory procurement practices from state price reporting. Discriminatory procurement practices will not indirectly be preempted if state price reporting is preempted by federal law.
- (5) Consolidates price reporting provisions for cattle procurement with price reporting for swine.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator M.L. Dierks