

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB181

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 25, 2011
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Hansen
One Liner: Establish a surcharge under the Livestock Brand Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bloomfield, Brasch, Carlson, Harr, Karpisek, Larson, Lathrop, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Hansen
Gary Darnall
Art Brownlee
Ross Garwood
Dale Berndt
Linda Andersen
David Wright

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Brand Committee
Nebraska Cattlemen
Nebraska Farm Bureau
Self
Nebraska Brand Committee
Independent Cattlemen

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The primary substantive section of LB 181 is found in Section 1 of the bill amending section 54-1,108 of the Nebraska Brand Law which currently establishes a brand inspection fee not to exceed 75 cents per head inspected. LB 181 would amend this section by inserting new subsection (2)(b) to direct the Brand Committee to impose an additional surcharge not to exceed \$20 for each round trip to recover travel expenses of brand inspectors. The surcharge would be paid by the person requesting inspection or required to submit to inspection by law.

Parallel imposition of the surcharge is incorporated by reference in sections 54-1,121, 54-1,122, and 54-1,122.02 for inspections performed upon movements of cattle to and from registered feedlots and dairies not accompanied by an inspection certificate issued by another state's inspecting entity or by a shipping certificate.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment (AM 81) substitutes an alternative version of new subsection (2)(b) to provide that a travel surcharge as established by the Brand Committee "may" be charged to recover travel expense per location. The amendment retains that the surcharge is to be paid by the person requesting inspection or required to submit to

inspection by law.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson