

paid for by the brand committee. They would draw the ballot up and then the actual vote would be done at the Office of the County Extension Board, or the County Extension Office. I don't see a lot of expense being involved because it would just be having the ballot printed. It would just be, yes, you favor joining, or, no, you don't want to join, and then just that piece of paper there that you certify that you own livestock. So I don't see...the county clerk would be the one that would actually do the counting.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So it would be paid by the branding...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: The brand committee would have to pay, according to this amendment, would be paying for the printing of the ballot.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I passed out an Opinion #247, dated March, the 10th, 1980, requested by Senator Chambers. Now this opinion says, in the first place, Section 1 of Article III, of our Constitution provides that the legislative authority of the state shall be vested in the Legislature. The legislative authority of the state shall be invested in the Legislature. It then provides that the people, and that's who Senator Schellpeper is talking about, reserve power at their own option to approve or reject at the polls any act, item, section or part of any act passed by the Legislature. Passed by the Legislature are the key words. The option is not given to the Legislature to refer laws to the people. The option is not given to the Legislature to refer laws to the people. That's in the Constitution. That's what Senator Schellpeper wants to do. He wants to take this bill and refer it to the people, and the Constitution says we can't do that. We cannot do that. So if you would like to read Opinion #247, it is on your desk. Read it. We cannot do what Senator Schellpeper wants to do. Thank you, Mr. President, for your time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I did earlier tell Schellpeper that I'd agree to this, but I didn't