

think there would be so many constitutional problems with it at that time, and the secretary told me that that interim study that they had out there, there was about 90 to 10 out there that was in favor of this, and so I can't see no reason why we should be continuing on with this because I'd be opposed to this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Jones.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise I guess against Senator Schellpeper's amendment. Basically, what happened prior to this bill even being brought to committee, I sent articles to the newspaper requesting people's input into this from Howard County, either for or against Howard County being in the brand area, and as a result of that poll, and this was brought out that we wanted only the cattle owners to respond to this, and at that particular time, the total, I believe, was about 339 for and 97 against. We have had some since then both pro and con, so it has changed some since that time. But this was a random survey and was a voice of the people in Howard County. And so with that, I would oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Schellpeper, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, once again this amendment is an amendment that was agreed upon on General File, that we would go back to a vote of the people, let them decide what they wanted to actually do in their local county. Some of the statements that Senator Haberman made are totally off base because they deal with a whole different subject. We are just dealing with something that has been done before. They've done this before when we had the checkoff funds where the cattlemen go in and vote. Some of the small things that we