

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: I move that LB 246 be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion. Senator Coordsen, did you wish to discuss the advancement?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Only a question of Senator Jones, if I may.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Jones, would you respond, please.

SENATOR JONES: Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Jones, there is a cost to everything we do, and I don't know the answer to this. Perhaps you do. What will be the annual cost to the livestock industry in Howard County to comply with the requirements of the brand bill should 246 pass?

SENATOR JONES: Okay, if a rancher sells or moves something clear out of the county, it will be 60 cents a head, and if a feedlot in that county would be a registered feedlot, it would cost them \$600 per 1000, and he turns these cattle over probably 2 1/2 times, so it probably will only cost him about 20 cents a head, that is if he owns them. Now if it is a commercial lot only, it'd just be for the ranchers that bring them there because they'll be going on out of the county when they go to a packing plant, and he can be inspected as they come in, if he is registered, and they'd never have to be disturbed when they go out of the feedlot.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Do you have any idea what the total annual cost might be?

SENATOR JONES: That'd be hard to say because cattle move so many different directions, you know. You couldn't...if you could get an average for the year, it might be, but that's be the only way.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, I've heard 50 to 60 thousand dollars, would that be accurate? I don't know.