The board of directors of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce has issued a special bulletin reaffirming its stand against the destruction of the valuable herd of Charolais cattle quarantined near Lafayette.

State veterinary officials fear that the animals may be carriers of foot and mouth disease and have urged that they be slain or returned to Mexico. So far the cattle appear healthy.

The chamber bulletin states, “We are opposed to having these cattle destroyed if they continue to show no signs of any diseases.

If any future conclusive tests by authorities prove this herd has disease that would create a danger to the cattle industry, the Chamber certainly would not take this stand.”

Chamber spokesmen issued the statement because they said, “some Chamber members are apparently misinformed on the stand taken by the Board of Directors,” and “we wish to make clear our position and intention regarding this matter.”

(The U. S. customs bureau has accused Lafayette cattleman Alphe E. Broussard of smuggling the cattle in from Mexico. The case is pending in federal courts.)

On the legal question, the Chamber says “the question of law violation rests solely with the courts of justice and the Chamber has taken no stand in this respect.”

In urging that the cattle be spared, the bulletin notes that “from all indications these cattle are very valuable... If they are allowed to remain in the United States we want them to stay in Lafayette parish as a major industry for the benefit of this area.”

“It is not difficult to foresee,” the bulletin continues, “the possibility of our section becoming an important cattle breeding center if this herd were located here.”