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High court wants another week to study cattle battle

The state Supreme Court yesterday extended for another week its order blocking a state round-up and slaughter of Molokai cattle.

Chief Justice Herman Lum signed an order extending the temporary stay through Friday.

The extension is meant to give the justices more time to study an appeal filed by a group of Molokai ranchers opposed to the slaughter of their animals.

State and federal officials be-

lieve all cattle on Molokai should be killed to rid the island of bovine tuberculosis. They contend an islandwide slaughter is the only way to ensure eradication of the disease, which has hindered Molokai's cattle industry.

A group of Molokai ranchers, however, has fought the slaughter program in court for the past year. They contend their animals are healthy and never have been exposed to the disease, and therefore don't need to be killed.