

elect a surveyor, so...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SENATOR GEORGE: So under some conditions, if there is nobody available, the county board can employ, but if there is somebody available we have to elect? Is that what it says?

SENATOR HABERMAN: If he doesn't run for election, he doesn't have to. But if he does run for election and is elected, they have to use him.

SENATOR GEORGE: Okay, so we still leave the elected surveyor in there?

SENATOR HABERMAN: That is correct.

SENATOR GEORGE: Okay, thank you, Senator Haberman. I do believe that maybe, unless there are constitutional problems that I am not sure of, should probably discuss this particular problem. For instance, take Douglas County... Douglas County still elects a surveyor. Now, a century ago, I'm sure that people definitely wanted to elect a surveyor, because he had to be a person...a trustworthy person who wouldn't go out on a dark foggy night and move the big rock that separated the one man's land from the next one. In the twentieth century where a surveyor in Douglas County can easily make a multi-million dollar mistake, and is a technician, I don't think that that person really should still be elected. I have seen the contains (sic) of, I believe three people in Douglas County on TV, and that was one of the best comedy shows I've seen. I cannot possibly imagine how people could make a choice as to who is the technically best qualified man to be surveyor of Douglas County. I really think we should think this over, and make this office an appointed office, and leave that responsibility with either the county commissioners or the county supervisors, so they can hire a competent man who has the proper degree and if there is a problem, the county supervisors or commissioners would be politically responsible for that man, and they could hire him, and they could fire him. To continue in our age with this very highly technical job, to continue to elect that man, I think is a mistake. We should really think this over, and either in this debate on General File, or maybe on Select File, try to take LB 115 as a vehicle and change the position of the county surveyor simply to an appointed office. Thank you.