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SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, very much.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of this body, I wanted to speak for just a few minutes in support of Senator Haberman's bill and the amendments. This bill does not deal with the philosophic question as to whether or not county surveyors should or should not be elected. That question has been asked and answered by the state Legislature a number of years ago. If that question is to be asked and answered again, it should be asked only after a public hearing on that issue, where all sides are allowed to ventilate that point, and where all facts can come out and be known. All this bill deals with are those counties, some 50 of them who must employ county surveyors because they do not have persons within their own counties who are qualified to run for public office. That is a problem, and that problem is being very wisely and sagaciously addressed by this bill, and I support both the bill and the amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I realize that Senator Haberman addresses a problem which is an emergency problem for several counties, and therefore, the question that I raise as to the appointment of county surveyors... I, first off, I'll put that amendment on Select File, but I have talked to several senators that do have those same concerns and I believe we will simply then introduce a study resolution for the next interim that the Government Committee preferably would study that question, they could have state-wide hearings on that issue, so that next session they will come back, and that we might then with your approval clean up the laws as they exist now. Therefore, I will not try to get any further amendment on Senator Haberman's bill, because I realize that he has to solve a problem right now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, would you close on the committee... first part of the committee amendment? Where did the illustrious Senator Keyes go? There he is...he's out there. Senator Keyes, do you have any closing on the amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: Only to say that what Senator Haberman is trying to do I think is right and coming from a county that I just got an amazing letter here about a surveyor...we're going to have some problems in our county. I think that what