

used is no reason to stop in its tracks the soil classification system that we have been doing since 1980. We now have 12 more Nebraska counties that have essentially completed their soil surveys. We should specifically say that those counties come on line with their soil surveys. When that is done, we will have had a total of 75 Nebraska counties that have completed their soil surveys, so that will still leave 18 counties that haven't completed. Senator Haberman says since there are 18 that have not completed, it isn't fair to require the additional 12 to come on line. Well, that is an argument, but like a lot of things in government it works incrementally and it is important that you do things step by painful step by step by painful step and when you have got 75 counties that are now in the box with 63 on line, you ought to put the next 12 on line and the next year we will have the rest of them, well, actually it takes two more years, in two more years the rest will be on line. But for us not to put these 12 on line today when they are ready to go would be a real mistake and, in fact, it would be something different from what we told the voters we were going to do in terms of maintaining the status quo because the status quo was putting those counties on line. We are in effect rolling the clock back. So I would suggest that you vote for this amendment. Senator Haberman simply had the question divided so I would suggest you vote green for this amendment to require the counties to continue to put on line those soil classification studies that they have completed.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Oh, I am sorry, I didn't hear you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if we have been getting along all of this time with the way it is now, which evidently we have, or they wouldn't have this amendment in there, I don't see any reason to have the amendment which they agree will penalize some counties because I don't believe the counties are not agreeing to come on line, it is that they haven't gotten it finished. Now Senator Johnson says government step by step by painful step. Well, painful step is what is going on out in the agriculture lands today. It is very, very painful and, therefore, as I say, I am not