

against all of these people being soil surveyed. I am not against using that as part of their assessment, but I ask you not to put it in the law that we have to until it is finished, because if it was so doggone important, why didn't we do this before? Why do we have to do it now? What is the big hurry? Agriculture is in trouble. We have a big problem and here we are setting out and we are going to penalize 12 or 18 counties. I don't like it and I ask you to vote to take the amendment...to vote to...do not vote for the amendment. Let's leave it the way it is. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit. Next I have to recognize...oh, excuse me. Senator Schmit, excuse me, before you I have Senator Carsten to recognize, and then Senator Schmit and then Senator Sieck.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we are doing just exactly what Senator Haberman is saying. We are continuing that which we have been doing since 1980. The basic reason that all counties have not completed their soil surveys was because of lack of funds and lack of people to get the surveys done. We have implemented a couple of times some money to assist them in hurrying it along. At that point when we did that, we were assured that it would take six or seven years. Sixty-two counties are now already doing it as they have come on. We have got 13 more now that are...or 12 more now that are ready to come on. We will just follow the same process that has been going on ever since the soil survey has started. Very shortly they are all going to be done. It is not that big a deal. There will be some, as you say, that are going to be brought up a little more because of the survey, but there are also going to be those that are going to be brought down, as Senator Johnson has said. We are not changing anything. We are going to continue to operate just as we have been operating since 1980 even though we are asking them all to literally by statute do what we have expected them to do when they had all completed it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.