

other thing in that a given piece of land's value is an accumulation of the various types that lies within that description. And whether it would work to the advantage or disadvantage of an individual is hard to say. But in the long run it is an advantage because it is accurate. It does indicate the amount of waste-land, the amount of the different classes of property. I don't know of anyone that has objected to the use of an accurate soil map for the valuation, the description of their specific land. The issue of valuation is another totally separate issue. LB 30 very clearly retains the valuations of the old manual, but has nothing to do with the question of accuracy, reflecting the type of soil on a given piece of ground. So I would support the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Johnson, you are entitled to close.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I do think that, as a result of Senator Haberman's division of the question, we have pretty carefully explained what this issue involves. It seems as though there is now a consensus of understanding and agreement here. So I don't have to go into the matter in any great depth. I will tell you that the 12 counties that are ready to go on with their soil classification studies are Chase County which, of course, is a county that Senator Haberman does represent very actively and aggressively, Morrill, Box Butte, Kearney, Hamilton, Madison, Rock, Cedar, Valley, Scotts Bluff, Stanton and Hayes, those are the counties that have just completed their soil surveys. They are the ones that would be affected by this particular measure. I think that again, as has been so carefully explained by Senator Carsten, Senator Warner and Senator Sieck and Senator Hefner, that the continued progress of implementation of the soil classification studies is a part and parcel of the overall search for better equalization in our state, and part and parcel of fairer valuation. We should not stop that process notwithstanding the passage of Amendment 4, nor withstanding the adoption of LB 30. So I, at this time, would move this committee amendment.