

Now \$250 a piece but the Revenue Department seems to want to do this and then they charge the counties, but I guess that is all right. Go ahead and charge the counties, it doesn't make any difference. I can see and feel that this is not going to pass, so rather than take the time to have a vote, Mr. President, I will withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, it is withdrawn. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Sieck would move to amend. Senator Sieck's amendment is on page 1622.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harold Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I kind of hedge to bring this up but I feel it is very, very important. Now we had a stipend program for some assessors who did a lot of work...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Harold Sieck. (Gavel.) Will you please hold your conversation down so we can hear the speakers. Thank you.

SENATOR SIECK: We have got a stipend program for the assessors who have went through a certain amount of evaluation and school to become excellent in their work, and now we are going to take it away from them, and they are going to be lost without those wages. That is wages. Now the county commissioners cannot set the wages but every four years, and what this amendment does is set the date in 1991. It will still be taken away, but in the meantime, the county commissioners can increase their salary accordingly. I just don't feel it is right to cut the wages of these individuals in this time frame. I will explain to you a little bit what this is all about. Now the State of Nebraska is really based upon a property evaluation system of financing, therefore, it is important that county assessors who are involved in the appraisers and evaluations be the best qualified people. There is voluntary additional education for assessors to better prepare them for their work. Successful completion of this gives them a rating known as certified assessors evaluator or CAE. and I will call it CAE from now on. To achieve this rating, four major requirements must be met: One, complete and pass three courses of study from a list of several; two, do actual appraisals and write a narrative to be approved by a committee; must do two based on income, market, and cost