

work, that we get it functional to a point where as many people as possible can participate and if you have a 90-10 cost share program, clearly you're going to spend a great deal of money on a very few projects and I'm fearful that we're going to use the money up in just a few projects and not be able to spread it around to other needy areas. Mr. President, could I have a little bit or order, please?

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Johnson, you are well within your rights. (Gavel.) Could we have some order for those who are addressing us and attempting to persuade us on one side or the other of this important issue. Give Senator Johnson your careful ear and attention.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you. As I said, I'll start just briefly over by saying this amendment lowers the cost share from 90-10 to 75-25. As I said, I feel that it is important that this body reinstate the original language of 75 percent cost share. I recognize in Senator Schmit's presentation on General File that he was concerned about the cost to the farmer or to the landowner in cases where erosion may take place. I would like to point out as I did on General File that the cost share program is at 75-25 as I am proposing it, it does not mean that the local NRDs cannot offer a cost share higher than that. In fact, as I pointed out on General file, there are NRDs in the state that are willing to put more into the program than the, at that time, 75-25. As I pointed out, there is only a limited amount of money that will be going into this program and a couple of large projects that may be changed or needed for soil erosion changes would use the money up in a very short time and I would like to see the cost share program be at a level that we can spread the money around to a number of different landowners that may need the dollars. I don't think that 75-25 cost share is unreasonable. In fact, I think it is acceptable at that level. I do think that 90-10 is probably unreasonable and a little too high and I feel that 75-25 would be a fair cost share program with any farmer and to ensure good land stewardship I think that that would be a fair amount to stay at and I would like to move the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. We have two lights on, first, Senator Sieck, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I did have the amendment up there myself earlier and I agreed with Senator Schmit that I would pull it for the reason that he felt