

that the bill would run into some problems with it on. I know that Senator Schmit isn't too happy with the bill. He feels that we're pushing somebody to do some work here that is his only prerogative to do it. I want to emphasize that many of our farmers out there have done conservation work with as little as 50 percent cost share. Some have done it for nothing, just because they felt the need was there, but that doesn't say that once we tell somebody to do it that we should not pay them for it and I think we should. And I felt that the 90 percent was too high and I was willing to go for the 75 percent. But I do want to get the bill passed and if there seems to be a lot of opposition to the 75 percent, then we'll go with the 90 percent and...but there is a problem and I want to make the body aware of this. If we go 90 percent, we could have people just wait and apply to conservation by somebody that would complain. They would ask their neighbor to actually complain so they could get the 90 percent when the rest of us are getting 75 or even 50 percent. That's a danger that we face with the 90 percent and I think we should recognize that. And there is also a danger with the 75 percent that we won't get the work done out there because he is going to go to court and he said I don't have to do it and all this because you are not paying me for it. But as Senator Rod Johnson said, the local NRD can make up the difference. They can do that if they want to. It isn't necessarily they will, but they can. I know that the Lower Elkhorn has done this in the past. They got 75 percent from the government and they made up the 25 percent so they gave a 100 percent cost share on a certain project. That was the Maple Creek project. Now I don't know whether that is still continuing but I know that they did it at one time, which was fine to get some work done and set up a pilot area. But what I want to really address to you, all the laws that we can pass here is not going to get the job done. Education is the issue and I've had enough experience through the years. Each and every one of us are obligated to talk to our friends who are abusing their land, to get them to correct it. That is very important. In order to get this job done, I don't care what we do here, we're not going to get it done until we as individuals work with our neighbors, with our friends, to get this job done. That, to me, is very important, but sometimes you need a crutch and this is a crutch that will make people recognize that they have to get the job done and that's why I feel 474 is important. It is a tool and I call it an educational tool because sometimes you have to twist some arms to get it done and that is one way to do it. Now as far as the 75, 90, versus 90, I'm going to listen carefully and then make my decision. Thank you.