

think that it would be fair to allow them to pay part of the project. You talked about mandatory participation in this particular program. It is only mandatory if a cause of action is pushed against the farmer and in Iowa that has only happened, I think, a very few times in the ten years that they have had this similar type law in effect. So we're not talking about every farmer out there who has excessive soil loss is going to be turned in by his neighbor or by the NRD officials or someone from the Department of Environmental Control or whatever. I think that people will use their best judgment in trying to secure good land stewardship practices in Nebraska. As I said, my particular interest in this is trying to stretch the money as far as it will go. Senator Schmit has made a very valid point, there is not very much money that's going to be put into the program, unfortunately. I can't address that problem with this particular bill. That's something that is going to have to be dealt with by this Legislature in years to come. The program actually doesn't take effect until 1987, so there is time for us to come back and try our very best to increase the dividends or at least the amount of money that we can offer this particular program and I think a 75-25 is a fair proposal. And I would like to see it put back at that level. I recognize that Senator Schmit would have severe problems with the issue at that time, but I'm willing to take that chance from the standpoint that I think that for the most part, I feel, that my perspective is right on this issue although we will continue to disagree on that point. But I think you're going to serve an awful lot more people through having a 75-25 share than you would under a 90-10 which would use up the money almost immediately. So because of that I feel very strongly that the amendment should be adopted and hopefully will serve more people than we will under the existing cost share program. With that, Mr. President, I'd move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. We'll now proceed to voting on Senator Johnson's amendment to reduce from 90 to 75 percent the cost share on this particular program. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. The board has been open for one minute. I'll hold the board open for another 30 seconds. Senator Johnson, I'm going to close the board. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: The motion fails. That was the last amendment