

frankly, I just as soon they didn't send out quite as many questionnaires, and here is another thing, if you don't fill them out, it is possible for somebody to knock on your door and say, hey, I am here, how's come you didn't fill that out? Well, the last time that happened at our place we told them quite frankly because we didn't want to, and, no, we weren't going to, and what are you going to do about it? Well, the individual was a little flustered and they drove out of the driveway and we never saw them again. But the point is, we are spending monies for something that benefits nobody other than people who have a vested interest in seeing to it that prices are low at certain times. We are spending monies to disseminate a lot of information a lot of folks don't read anyhow. Another thing that they collect, by the way, is to find out exactly what the soil moisture conditions are in certain parts of the state. In other words you can read in a newspaper or you can read in their reports to find out whether it is dry at your place or not, or whether or not the crops are up in your area or not, and what percentage of the corn is harvested in your area. Now if you are a farmer and you are out there in a combine right now, is it really important to you whether 60 percent of the crop is harvested or whether 80 percent and how that compares with the national average or the state average at that particular date? You are more interested in getting your own corn out I would suggest to you. Again, if you want to be a fiscal conservative, if we want to get into the area of we are all...got our little philosophies as to how government expenditures had ought to be made, and if we are going to spend time down here in Lincoln anyhow, then I am going to get into those philosophies. I don't think we had ought to be spending our money here and I ask for the adoption of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, then Senator Landis.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this particular program, ag statistics, is one that we looked at at least twice last session and it was the intent in looking at it to abolish it, saying many of the things that Senator Vickers has indicated to you. We did not, and I want to explain why. Number one is that the program could be continued with the federal funding only but the only figures that are available then are statewide figures. The share of the cost that is borne by the state is to have those statewide figures broken down county by county. As it