

SENATOR LAMB: ...that we will have some other information that might be enlightening in regard to the shortcomings or the possible shortcomings of this formula.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I have some questions of Senator Landis, I imagine.

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, sure.

SENATOR NELSON: I, up until this time, more or less went along with the formulas and so on and so forth. I am well aware how the adjusted yields work through the ASCS offices. So right quick I thought I'm going to do a bit of homework and find out just exactly. As many of us know, to get federal crop insurance we are going...definitely corn is that way this year, soybeans are not, to a proven yield basis. So I have in front of me the five-year average of 1979 to 1983 in various counties close to Hall County. So to me this would be about the main contributing factor in the difference in the value of the farm ground because the interest rate, the money and so on and so forth I know one maybe a few miles south or a few miles further north than the other. But I thought that this would be the factor that would be the change of our valuation. Now to show you, Merrick County's average corn yield is 112.4 bushels. Their irrigated value is \$1,167. Okay, we'll go down to Howard County, 112.8 average, very nearly the same. Their value is \$1,038. That is about...not quite \$130 per acre difference. Then I shall move on down to Buffalo County. This irrigated yield seems high, so I may question that a little bit, but the figures from the ASCS office is 124.5, and yet the value of their land is \$1,196. Let's move on to Hamilton County, the same yield as Adams County except two-tenths of a bushel. Adams County is \$1,418 and Hamilton is \$1,532. Okay, I'll move over to the dry land. Adams County dry land yield is 66.4 on corn. Their value is \$896 an acre. Then I thought, well, maybe the formula, which I don't think it should, is a percentage of dry land and irrigated acres. Adams has 22.6 percent of dry land acres. Okay, then as a comparison let's go over to Hamilton County. I did know that Hamilton County's yield was high on dry land crops. Their yield is 76.4 bushels, and again the value is \$808 an acre. So, for just the comparison between Adams and