

plain old soil management. We have got to protect that soil and water as Senator Warner talked about which are our greatest resources in the land of our great state. And it seems to me that we've missed the conversation here. We've been talking water quality, we've been talking a number of different points about how we can deal with our soil erosion problems and time and again we've passed laws without funding. This is a time to pay for the actions that we have taken, the credit for. There were elections last year and last year we passed some big bills in soil and water conservation. We didn't fund them. It's time now that we recognize as we went to the public and said we've done good by you, we've dealt with soil and water problems, now we need to come back and say, but we have to pay for them. And that is what this bill attempts to do. There are a lot of different issues involved with this legislation that I would hope you would reject the Haberman amendment and allow us to proceed with at least a modest increase in the mill levy limit and again recognize that we have a representative republic form of government and those boards would have to vote to increase and they will be held accountable through the election process. This does not automatically increase the property taxes. There is no way one can say that with the recognition that the present mill levy limit has not been reached by all but 6 of the NRDs of the 24. That representative government will deal with the voters and have to answer for their actions and I think we're safe in providing at least a modest increase in that mill levy limit. So I would reject the Haberman amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. President, let's call that ugly question. What do you say?

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Haberman, would you like to close on your motion, your amendment? Senator Haberman, on closing.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I listened to Senator Warner's eloquent speech and it was very good, but I just happened to notice here that the Appropriations