

I do wish to speak to the amendment. First of all I would like to ask Senator Kremer a couple of questions if I might.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Kremer, would you respond?

SENATOR KREMER: I will.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Kremer, as I understand the testimony with respect to this particular point which was raised in the Public Works Committee, there was testimony relative to the changes in the licensure and so forth of appraisers. Is it your feeling and the feeling of the committee that due to those changes and the qualifications of appraisers that it is no longer necessary to expend the monies to have three rather than just one?

SENATOR KREMER: Those of us on the committee will recall that the testimony offered at that time was exactly as you outlined, Senator Cullan. One of them was this, and I think I spoke to it in my original comments, that the appraisers under the licensure as they now operate are well qualified, probably better qualified than three people that are sometimes very difficult to find. Secondly, there is an expense connected with it. It is more expensive to pay the expenses of three people than the one that would be involved in this change.

SENATOR CULLAN: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator Lamb's amendment. I believe that due to some of the very stringent licensing procedures which are now in effect, and I am not familiar with all of them but I do know that they are extensive and I do know that there are not a great number of appraisers available in the state as there one time once was and so I think for the expense related that mandating three appraisers rather than one is unnecessary. Furthermore if indeed those individuals are not pleased with the appraisal that is performed they have the opportunity to take this matter to court and seek a remedy there. So I do not think that we have a problem here. I think Senator Lamb's amendment is simply an unnecessary one and I would hope that the Legislature would reject his amendment.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Merz, do you wish to speak to the amendment? The Chair recognizes Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, I rise in support of Senator Lamb's amendment. Really when we hire a licensed appraiser it is a man from out of town usually that does not know