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shall be elected.

SENATOR MARESH: Well I'm talking about the first part of the amendment though, outside the county if he is appointed, he shall serve for the same term or 4 years as an elected county surveyor. Is that the way you read it...the first part of the amendment? It says surveyor employed under this section shall serve the same term as that of an elected surveyor, and is not required to reside in the county of employment. Why would you want to have him appointed for 4 years? That's my question.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, possibly the county board feels that they need a man full time and they can't elect him, so they want to employ him for 4 years so they'll be sure and have him on their staff.

SENATOR MARESH: But shouldn't we give the county board the choice if they want to hire him for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well it says they can hire him on a case by case basis, or a part-time basis. It says they can do that.

SENATOR MARESH: I don't quite under...I don't read it that way. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I don't want to take too much time. I don't...we have a lot of important bills to look at, and this is an important one, though, because I think it raises an issue that I think Senator George particularly addressed, and that is shall we even elect a county surveyor at all, part-time or otherwise, and I guess my personal feeling is I don't think we need to, and I'm looking toward potentially an amendment that would not allow, or eliminate the election of a county surveyor, period, and allow that position to be appointive. I think that would settle some of the problems Senator Haberman has brought up, and I think that that would improve the situation statewide.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, Mr. President and members of the body, I guess we've gotten into a discussion on something that probably is getting a lot deeper than we started out. The