

SENATOR LANDIS: It is possible.

SENATOR HALL: It's possible. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Landis a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, would you respond.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I agree with your correlation between the numbers and I think Senator Hall thrust on it too. How close a correlation? You know, is it going to be, you know, like, say that you're...say that commercial is at 85 and...would you...how...is it a decimal point or about 5 percentage points difference or...(inaudible)

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me answer this way. We give the authority to the county with this amendment to make an adjustment to correlation. Can't go away from correlation, can go to correlation. The place where the county will act, well, they could act at any range that so long as the ag number is different, then correlation to make that adjustment. So they would be free to act with 5 percent or 8 percent or 10 percent and they might choose to do so if, in fact, they have a 10 percent difference between all the rest of the property and ag land. They might want to drop it. The place where you get action would be at a range of perhaps greater than 15 percent. There the State Board of Equalization, reading a past line of cases, would be likely to act. Certainly, you can't have exactly the same percentage number, but the danger sign, the red zone would be below 85 percent or above 115 percent. In other words, 15 percent away from 100 percent of value, those are your danger zones. That's when you're getting to the red line on the meter. Now that kind of action would be capable at the State of Board of Equalization level. A county could choose to act if the range of difference was less.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Let me ask you, because I have an example from 1988, Senator Landis. Dakota County, which I have some farmland in, the residential is at 83 percent, commercial is at 95 percent and ag land is 106 percent. Then would they, what