

SENATOR DIERKS: One hundred and sixty-five hours would require roughly 10 semesters of college work.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If that's the...if that's the way it works.

SENATOR DIERKS: What about the 2,000 hours? Two thousand hours would be...2,000 hours would be...well, if you allow a 1,000 hours and give them a year to make up the next 1,000, that would take 25 40-hour weeks to make that up. They would have to be working pretty full time. They would have to be working at least 20 hours a week for a year to make up that shortfall. Is that the intention?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, that is the intention. I share your feelings on this. I think this is somewhat like the 409 situation in that it's too rapid a transition but this...it is my understanding that this is the least we can do and comply with federal requirements.

SENATOR DIERKS: Do you know where these hours are available today in Nebraska where the appraisers can go to school and gather these hours?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pardon me?

SENATOR DIERKS: Do you know where these hours are available today in Nebraska, these courses that appraisers can go and pick up the required hours?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I can't...I can't quote for you specific institutions where they're available. I know that we've expanded it to include the community colleges and, of course, it would include any other established institution in the state. But I can't...I can't quote for you, off the top of my head, Senator Dierks, which ones have courses right now that comply. I know there are several institutions that do but I can't...I could get you a list of that, I suppose, eventually.

SENATOR DIERKS: That might be helpful. I think we need to know, you know, what kind of hardship we're placing on our citizens as far as not only the appraisers are concerned but what the citizens are going to need to expect from them. And, I guess, I have problems with this. If that's 165 college hours, that seems like a tremendous amount of study necessary to accomplish that. I don't think there is any institution I know