

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I think I oppose this amendment. I am unclear as to whether how widespread...the qualifications must be within the office of county assessor and I guess I'd ask Senator Will if you would answer a question, Senator Will.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will, Senator Wehrbein has a question for you.

SENATOR WILL: Yes, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You said your understanding, others in the office could be qualified other than the assessor. Could it be a deputy or any employee within...

SENATOR WILL: That's my understanding, the way the amendment is drafted.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I want to be sure because I'm not quite clear the way it's read, the way I read it and I...it looks like to me it's putting quite an undue burden on many counties and I think it's my understanding that most do use a consultant or professional appraisers to do any significant amount of appraisal work, so I'm not sure it's necessary to have this in every county. I can understand the desire to have professional standards in most cases, but I can't say off the top of my head that most counties use professional consultants or consulting firms to do their reappraisal work, but I would be strongly, strongly think that they do. And so when I consider the burden that this is going to put on many particularly smaller counties across the state and the fact that it's not clear how far this can be delegated within the office of a county assessor, I was going to make the point that even...an assessor actually is elected to be an administrator and so forth and other things. Doesn't necessarily mean that he has to be an appraiser just for the sake of running that office. He could use someone else in the office. Senator Will, I will...Senator Lamb wants some of my time, but I would like to have you respond to the question in due time, so at this point, I would like to give the remainder of my time to Senator Lamb, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President and members, well, we know that this bill is necessary because of the federal legislation. However, I think we're going to endanger the bill by hanging an amendment such as this on the bill because it's