

sure didn't turn me on. If they'd just left the "local" out, that'd be fine.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's in the fiscal note, though, isn't it? That's not in the statute or in the amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This is from the state of...the Department of Roads on the pink sheet.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah, that's just in the fiscal note. If you look in the statute, though, it doesn't...

SENATOR HABERMAN: You mean in the bill?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah, the bill doesn't or the amendment doesn't use the word "local".

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Kristensen.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. I know that from time to time when the highway use and construction crosses a river, like south of Columbus, that they'll go through some wetland areas and usually that wetland is not farmed or anything and the...it's mainly a wildlife habitat. It's not producing income for anyone or anything like that and I wonder, Senator Kristensen, would you yield to a question or two?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Since this wet...the wetland areas usually aren't of economic value to someone, is there an estimate of what the costs of acquiring a wetland area is in dollars or dollar per acre or anything like that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, that's kind of what I think Senator Haberman and Senator Schmit were asking, what the costs are, and that just so depends on each individual project. It's like any other.... My best estimate is it's like any other condemnation project, the cost of. If you go through full condemnation, those expenses can be high. That's the reason you pay people a little extra to avoid those legal costs. The damage done to the area is going to be up to three appraisers and then, if you're not satisfied with that, then that's when you go to district