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less than that. And an easement for a gas line or a pipeline, I've seen fees less than that. But if they're acquiring a significant amount of property, or if it's a rather complicated piece to appraise, then you're going to get up to that cap, I think, because these people...they cer...if they go to a private appraisal they get more than this cap that we're even putting in now, generally.

SENATOR JONES: Well, thank you. And I...that was my concern, are we setting it too high? Are we setting it too low, or what? But I think Senator Bromm kind of compromised and went part way in between, so I'm going to go along with his amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. It is my feeling that, though what we were told is there will be three appraisers appointed in these condemnation proceedings, how much time will they actually spend on it? I have a...I have a little problem with being...had some dealings with some appraisers just recently. And I saw how much time they spent on one, little piece of property, it was about ten minutes. I know this is different, we're talking about condemnation of probably land, buildings, all types of buildings, grain bins, and so on possibly. But, on the other hand, if you're going...if these appraisers are going to be appraising land, the way we have our land set up in counties now, you are set at a certain value by the...by the assessor's office. And all they would have to do is go into the courthouse and look at the record of what kind of land it is, so on and so forth and come to a conclusion right there. Productivity and so on is all figured into that. I don't see anything wrong with the way it is right now. I think it's just an attempt to raise something that's been set for quite some time. Are we having trouble finding appraisers? I don't think so. Seems to me there's plenty of them around. Buildings and so on, when the Department of Roads, for instance, comes in and condemns property, they're measured, their value, their age, so on and so forth. They're either replaced or they're paid for. I don't see anything so difficult about that. And unless someone can show me where I'm wrong in thinking the way I am, I don't