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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, will you respond?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Stuhr, I'm sorry. I was involved in another conversation. You had said something about 66 percent of something and 100 percent of something. Can you clarify that, please?

SENATOR STUHR: Sixty-seven percent of the county boards responded and were in favor of eliminating these...the county commissioners were in favor of eliminating the LB boards.

SENATOR HUDKINS: And the 100 percent was the NACO board?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes. The NACO board unanimously decided at their last legislative meeting that they opposed.

SENATOR HUDKINS: I...

SENATOR STUHR: They supported the bill to...

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right. Thank you. Of the 67 percent of the county boards that responded affirmatively, how many responded negatively?

SENATOR STUHR: Let me look. Thirty-three percent.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Okay. I guess I could have done that math. Thank you. Then, just a comment. Again I would like to stress that the reason I think that the desire was to eliminate these boards is that the assessors don't want people looking over their shoulders, second guessing their evaluation systems. I'm sure that most assessors in this state do the best work that they possibly can and are fair in their assessments. But there are others that perhaps don't, and that's what this ag land board of people that are looking at this are looking for. They're looking for why didn't you value this land appropriately. Why did you let this one go at a much lesser level? I think that it is really necessary that we do have