

The bill never saw the light of day from the Judiciary Committee and Senator Remmers fought it all the way. And I would ask Senator Remmers to respond honestly. Now there was a situation where a recommendation, honest recommendations, fair recommendations, were being made by the Judiciary Committee and they were rejected. That didn't stop Senator Remmers from rejecting them because he had all the lawyers down there and the judges down there wanting no change. And I just ask you honestly isn't Senator Remmers' situation, if this commission makes a recommendation of one type or another, is that going to change the pressure put on Senator Remmers or in another instance some other senator to defend the status quo on the floor of the Legislature when it comes around? I submit to you it won't change a thing in practical political terms. It won't change a thing. And that is what I am asking for. I am asking you to change some things, some reasonable changes, I hope. I hope you will not adopt the Lamb amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the Lamb amendment. I think by having this commission recommend to the Legislature, at least we would have the final say on it. I don't think we want to shirk our duties. Our duty is to draw these boundary lines and I think we ought to keep that power right here in the Legislature. I am very concerned that if we give this to the commission, we will lose control of it and they will run it as they please. Even the supporters of this bill, 516, are not unanimous in which way we should go. The original bill called for ten districts, then a little bit later the committee passed out an amendment that called for only three districts. And now Senator Marsh has another amendment, as I understand it, that will change the boundary lines in these three districts. So you can see that they are sort of confused yet and they are not giving us a direction that we should be going. And so I would say that if we don't want to kill this bill, well then accept the Lamb amendment and just have this commission report back to the Legislature. I think that would be more of a fair way to do it. And so I would urge you to support the Lamb amendment to the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: There are no other lights on for recognition. Senator Lamb, you may close. Senator Beutler, did you want