

Withem, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would, Mr. Chairman, members. Is Senator Hefner in the body? I wanted to respond to one thing Senator Hefner said that was really dead wrong and I think I need to get it in the record. I really didn't work very hard on this, Senator Hefner. It kind of just came...pulled out of the air and my staff did all of the hard work on it so...No, I appreciate his remarks. Appreciated everybody's remarks on this. I think it's been, although an abbreviated debate, it has been a good, fair debate. I am serious in saying that this is offered and this is something we talked about in committee as to whether we, as a committee, ought to try to iron out a consensus plan in the committee or choose between one of the competing plans that was before us. And the members on the committee that were sponsors of the plans both wanted a shot at their plan on the floor, so we advanced the Schimek plan, we debated the Conway plan. Now we, as a body, can determine whether we want something that is more of a consensus plan than either of those two and that is the spirit in which I am offering this. One comment I didn't make, and I don't know how important this is to members in here, we ought no, in general terms as a body, be kowtowing every time a Governor, no matter who the Governor is, says he or she doesn't like something we're doing. But in these waning days where we don't have a lot of time for advancing bills on Final Reading, having them sent back to us, reacting to vetoes and that sort of thing, maybe we ought to pay a little bit of attention to what's being said there and I think this plan would probably meet the criteria that the Governor talked about the other day of acceptable plans more so than would the plan that's currently here. The numbers I didn't give you as far as Tilden, there are about 660 people in Tilden that live in Madison County that would be now in the Third Congressional District. So this does not purely maintain county lines. It does split county lines, but only for the very noble purpose of reuniting the citizens of Tilden around one congressional flag so, with that, I would urge your support.

SENATOR WARNER: Motion is adoption of the Withem amendment. Those in favor vote *aye*, opposed *nay*. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I would request a call of the house and probably better do a roll call vote.