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state.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Well, I appreciate that. I was just curious because I thought it would make some knowledge for some of the members of the body. I...I stand in opposition to the proposal that Senator Schimek has come forth because of some of the things that I've been listening to and I guess my own thoughts. It becomes awfully difficult, as been illustrated by Senator Kristensen and others, that there are situations where it becomes a real trying proposition in order to keep some sort of continuity how the districts are developed and so, therefore, I can't support the proposition as set forth by Senator Schimek and, with that, I will turn my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I think I'll withdraw this amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek, I now have, Senator, a new amendment that would read as follows on to amend LR 7 on page 4, line 13, in the paragraph...after the period insert: "In no case shall the quotient, obtained by dividing the total of the absolute values of the deviations of all district populations from the applicable ideal district population by the number of districts established, exceed one percent of the applicable ideal district population." (FA2, Legislative Journal page 219.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This probably is a good follow-up to Senator Vrtiska's question a few minutes ago. I flipped through some of the different states' redistricting guidelines this morning and there were two that...that I noticed. South Carolina has a plus or minus two