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think the debate, and thanks to Senator Schimek, has well established that our goal is not one percent over, our goal is not a deviation of...of overall ten percent, our goal is zero and we deviate from that only to follow rational state guidelines and the state court decisions established in Madison County. Each and every person here is going to be affected in some way. The numbers were mentioned last time of 32,212. As I recall, the only...only census figures we have for this year currently is the total state population, which I believe is...would make the legislative districts 34,923 or a figure something like that, just that change alone, without the migration within the state, is going to cause some massive district changes and some districts, unknown to us now both in location as well as...as where...where the districts will be moved to, are going to have to be done, and it's going to be very, very difficult. I think this...this redistricting process will affect each and every member of the Legislature in a way that they're going to be uncomfortable with, whether your district is identified as an urban district or whether your district is identified as a rural district. We have in-county migrations, we have migrations into the state, we have migrations from county to county. It's just impossible to make any kind of a guess at this time of what the first recommendations will be, but, in closing on this resolution, I would remind you to hold this with you, that each and every person here has the opportunity to propose plans, each and every person has the opportunity amend a committee plan, each and every person has the opportunity to vote yea or nay on anything that comes to the floor in the same manner we do for any other bill. If there's a way of making the process any more open, I would ask that you share that with whoever the people are that will be appointed probably yet this week to the Redistricting Committee. With that, Mr. President, I would ask for the adoption of LR 7. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. The question is, shall LR 7 be adopted? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 7.