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redistricting. I think it meets the guidelines from the federal standpoint with respect to having zero deviation. I think it preserves, as best we can, a community of interest. It has some...there will be those who will argue that it disrupts a community of interest in southeast Nebraska, and I understand that, and I think any congressional map we draw will have some impact on a community of interest. I think that is a commonality of all of the maps or proposals that I have seen. And if we could do it without disrupting a community of interest certainly that would be wonderful. I just don't...just like we didn't want to do what we did with the legislative redistricting in terms of moving a district, I think we're going to wind up disrupting a community of interest one place or another. I chose to leave northeast Nebraska alone this time and I feel that that, in itself, has some merit. With that, I will cease my opening, Mr. President, and I wait to hear comments from my colleagues. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Beutler, Byars, Schimek, Coordsen, Thompson, Hartnett, Tyson, and Vrtiska. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I just got a copy of Senator Bromm's map. I guess each of us only...each desk received but one, one of the maps, and I haven't had a chance to look at it really closely, so originally...or initially I'm going to just speak to the committee amendments and kind of tell you how those were developed. That might help you and then we'll maybe compare and contrast some of the differences between the Sarpy County split and Senator Bromm's proposal and the committee amendment. Last year, we had passed a legislative resolution and then we did that again on LR 7 that was adopted unanimously. There were some present and not voting. I just kind of want to go through some of the criteria that were set out in the resolution and then we can discuss it further, and this will kind of give you the background on how the committee amendment was developed. On page 2 of the resolution it says: District boundaries shall follow county lines whenever practicable and shall define districts that are compact and contiguous as these terms have been articulated by the Supreme Court. So, just to kind of contrast a little bit in