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they had. So what we did on the committee, we had a public hearing, of course, and individuals came and testified, and said that they're...that the split, or how the district was cut up was unacceptable. So we listened to them, we've met with people from Sarpy County, and we came up with a split, a series of lines that split Sarpy County that was acceptable to most of the people, the powers that be, in Sarpy County. It's a logical split. It's concise, it's contiguous, and my understanding, most of the leaders, if you will, in Sarpy County were acceptable to this. What guided me, when we redistricted, was the principals that we adopted in LR 7. And I want to just touch on those again. We talked about them briefly yesterday, but again I don't think we had a full debate. Number 4 found on page 2, as it says, "In so far as possible, and within the context of principles set forth by the United States Supreme Court, district boundaries shall define districts that are easily identifiable and understandable to voters and preserve the course of prior districts." If you look at the map that the committee adopted, after listening to the Sarpy County folks, it is conscious, it is contiguous, it is clear, and that is found on the committee amendment AM1876. And I just ask you this morning to compare and contrast AM1876 with the amendment that we adopted yesterday, the body adopted, the Bromm house proposal. I'm going to send around some blowups that narrow down on particular areas within that split. And you can see that there are basically pockets of population that are connected to the main district, by it looks like a road. That is not a compact, contiguous district. About 5 percent of the Bellevue School District is split off, so half the school district is in one Congressional district, half is in another. If you look at the Papillion School District, half of the...Well I don't know if it's half, but a significant portion of the Papillion School District is in one Congressional district, and the rest is in a different district. What we've done with that committee amendment, with the Bromm house proposal, is a gerrymandered mess. No offense to Senator Bromm, but if you just compare and contrast the committee amendment AM1876 with the Bromm house proposal, you...it's obvious, it just does not make sense. We have violated several communities of interest. In the committee amendment, we incorporated the area in which Bellevue and Papillion will expand, their growth areas. That