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we're ultimately doing with the Bromm amendment. I ask all of you to search your souls, go back, put yourself in the same position of the citizens of Gage and Saline Counties...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...and contemplate, close your eyes and think about what would happen if you were in the same situation. We've already made the point, I think, that, you know, you can ignore all of those economic arguments, all of the things that Madison County has made, because they...there is the same effect, even probably more drastic, with other counties that are affected than...than that's being affected in Madison County. We just haven't had an opportunity to tell our story and I would please ask you to consider these facts, the empirical evidence relative to the redistricting plan, the committee amendments that were put forth.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Janssen, on the motion to bracket LB 851.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I couldn't sit here any longer. I had to get my two cents worth in. I don't know about the bracket motion. I do know one thing, that I support the committee amendments. I see nothing wrong with the way they came out. I don't like to see counties split. This way, with the committee amendments, AM1876, there is only one county that is going to be split, and that's Sarpy County, but that has to be done because of the biggest share of the population is in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. Not hard to figure out, if there is going to be a split, that's where it needs to be. As far as Madison County, I have a lot of friends up there. I do a lot of business in Madison County, a lot of business, but the argument that having a new representative in that or a House representative in that county is going to be the ruination of all business in that county, I find that unwarranted. There is talk about a road, a new road that is going to start in Madison County and go towards the northeast, I presume. If I'm wrong, I hope someone corrects me. But wouldn't it be great to have two representatives in the House who would be pushing for the same venture. You'd get two