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one of the reasons I couldn't sleep also is that I reread the transcripts from the debate ten years ago, not only during special session but regular session, and actually, you know, we've got it pretty easy this year compared to what it was ten years ago when we had to come back into special session and we had to try to determine what the court really said. And there was honest open disagreement among the members of this body about what needed to be done. Did you decertify, in essence, two nominated candidates up in the northeast part of the state who were running in their legislative district? Or did you immediately or did you not immediately, excuse me, change the districts so that Madison County could be it's own district and could have an election in the general election? And then, how did you get people to petition onto the ballot in two and a half weeks and get on the ballot in time for that general election? It was a long, lengthy, heavily-charged debate and that's what redistricting debates really are all about. I told Senator Smith awhile ago that I did not intend to take this to a vote because I don't believe that I would really want to see us bracket this until May 31st. I am not in favor of us doing this in special session, but I do think that we need some extended debate on this, and I, Mr. President, will withdraw the bracket motion at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, items for the record? The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 243 as correctly engrossed, and I have a confirmation report from the Business and Labor Committee, signed by Senator Connealy as Chair. (Legislative Journal pages 2033-2034.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have, Senator Schimek would move to bracket until May 22nd, 2001.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket LB 851.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I put