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LB 853

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Erdman, you're recognized for the motion on those amendments.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 853.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the motion. The question before the body is the adoption of those amendments. All in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM1992. (Legislative Journal page 1953.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, I think this will be a...a noncontroversial change. The Supreme Court, District Number 1, includes Lancaster, Cass, Otoe and Nemaha, presently. What this amendment would do would be to take Nemaha County and switch it to District 5. Each of you should have at the table a map, it's...we're following the custom of one map per table as opposed to one map per person. So, it takes Nemaha County and switches it from District 1 to District 5. And what that does to the deviations is this, in District 1 the current deviation is 4.34, it reduces that deviation to 1.69, which is good. In District 5 the deviation is minus .371 currently, and it reduces that deviation to minus .106. So, in the case of both districts it brings the deviations considerably closer to zero. And that's...that's the intent of this amendment. I would move for its adoption.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment? Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Question, question of Senator Beutler, if he would respond, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. Senator Beutler, the committee