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but in Banner County, over the past couple years that have said, you know, we've been divided from Kimball County; there's a community of interest there. And if community of interest holds true, and obviously I think it's going to with the compromise for Congress, I think it should hold true here for my amendment on LB 852. But I also understand the politics of things. I would encourage you, many of you I have spoken to on this amendment, support it. This is the best opportunity that we have for a compromise to be able to give Senator Schrock the community of interest of Gosper County, Senator Baker the community of interest and the intelligent move I think of restoring...

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** One minute.

**SENATOR ERDMAN:** ...Perkins County, and also to reunite the 47th District as far as the representation into Arthur and Banner County. I also think it's fair for the 49th District. There is a lot of land there as far as those precincts, but you're gaining one town. You're gaining one town. And I think it's fair. I think it's a fair compromise and, once again, I think as far as an issue of fairness in following the guidelines in LR 7, which is our guidelines for the redistricting process, I think the best vote on AM2095 is green, so I would encourage that. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Baker.

**SENATOR BAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Well, I, likewise said, as Senator Schrock, that I can live with the current plan, the committee amendment, this makes a whole lot more sense, and for me to vote against it when I'm currently representing Perkins County, I can't do that. I don't have Gosper now and I'd like to, of course, continue to represent Perkins County. So I...I will vote for this. It makes sense, as Senator Smith, Senator Erdman, several people have already reiterated or spoken. It puts the communities of interest back together, and particularly concerns me are the two...the Affordable Housing and the Upper Republican NRD in Perkins County. That...that makes a whole bunch of sense. To split the NRD where they have been such a leader in water