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quality and quantity and so on, Perkins County off, it just doesn't make a lot of sense to me. It does cut the deviation back. I have less deviation under this, the Erdman, plan, and so on, so I think it makes a whole lot of sense. And I can understand Senator Wickersham's concern, but I guess when four out of five or five out of six, maybe, senators, it improves it a lot that they have an so on and et cetera, it meets the guidelines, why, I think it's something we need to do and I will vote for it and see where we go from there. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** (Visitors introduced.) Senator Smith.

**SENATOR SMITH:** Thank you, Mr. President, members. This is my final time to speak and I'll make it short, but I just wanted to agree with Senator Baker in his statements, first of all. But, second of all, we've stated why we should do this, communities of interest, deviations, county lines, precinct lines, down the list. Why shouldn't we do it, is my other question. If we shouldn't do this, why shouldn't we? And I hope that we can all answer that question in a concise manner. That sticks to the intent of redistricting, the intent of redistricting. So, once again, I urge the adoption of AM2095 because it is good policy. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Erdman, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

**SENATOR ERDMAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to also thank the members for their patience. I know that we'll have other bill...or other amendments up for Omaha and the Lincoln area, I believe, and I'll be more than willing to be listening to the rationale behind why the lines are going to be drawn as they are, and that's, I think, what this comes down to. I mean, we have guidelines and, as an incoming senator and working with some of the more veteran senators who have been through this process before I said, what are these guidelines, how do we get these guidelines to best reflect what's in the best interests of the state of Nebraska? Well, we all adopted LR 7 based on certain guidelines, certain guidelines where we are going to maintain a majority of the population in those districts, well, which we have obviously accomplished; follow county lines where