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and have now thought that maybe it was okay to go with me in the first place. That's why we're here. As far as the issue of Highway 61, what we're talking about, we're talking about about 400 people in a county of 6,000 that are going to be traveling what I presume to be a longer distance to Valentine instead of going to Gordon which is a closer distance along Highway 20. But I think the real key here is, is that Grant County is in District 49 as proposed. Grant County is the crossroads of two highways, Highway 2 and Highway 61. The county is connected in a complete square with the highways that are there. Now as far as the issues with community of interest, whatever, yeah, I would venture to say that there's probably logical arguments out there as far as why things are drawn. But if you look in Omaha, we didn't let them break precinct lines. If it's applicable, let's not break precinct lines out here. But that's regardless. Here's the point. The compromise was reached by those who wanted to compromise. We're to a point right now where given the chance to explain my desires to have either...to have both Banner and Arthur County prior to the committee's map got neither. We're willing to find some type of reasoning for some of that. But we're to the point now where we've got better deviations, we're restoring communities of interest, we're following the guidelines in LR 7. We followed them in Omaha and Lincoln and central Nebraska, let's follow them in western Nebraska. This to me is an issue of fairness. This is not about who is representing what area, what people have, I mean, take the senators out of this. Look at this from the standpoint of the representation of an area. Southern Panhandle of Nebraska, if you take Scotts Bluff County and go south, that's the lower Platte valley. If you take Scotts Bluff County and go north, that's not even in the Platte valley. We're talking about totally different areas of interest. We're talking about totally different issues that could be affected by those areas. I think it would be better to have a consistency of representation throughout your district. It would be easier to do that as well as it would be a better representation of those individuals. I think Banner County in the 47th District as well as Arthur County is the best for that district. I think Perkins County in 44 is the best for that district. I think Gosper County in 38 is the best for that district, and I hope Senator Schrock will vote for this amendment.