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district and you can tell him I represent from X Highway to the border. This is for the voters. Most voters know which precinct they're in; and if we change the precinct that they're in, which some will have to be done, we continue to add to the confusion of voting which obviously happened to be a problem in the last presidential election. So the issue is fairness in my opinion, making the districts understandable to the voters, keeping them consistent with the other areas of interest; but most importantly, using the guidelines that we have been given that we adopted as a body statewide. They make sense to me. They make sense to 23 of you and a number of others who have said I will support your amendment. I encourage you to do that. I would hope that we can continue to apply the redistricting principles statewide based on the sound policy that was adopted here. Once again, I understand the politics of this body.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: I understand how this is set up. Take the senators out of it. Forget who the representatives are from what area. Look at it from a standpoint of the fairness to those areas as far as consistency of representation, consistency of issues, and I think you will come to the agreement that I did that AM2095 is the best opportunity to accomplish that for rural Nebraska. So I'd encourage your vote green on AM2095.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Smith, on the Erdman motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Very briefly, I appreciate the body's willingness to debate this. I did want to address Senator Schimek's concerns and her desire to send it back to the table. And tell you what, it's been there and I believe that the parties involved have tried several times to arrive at compromise, you know, that's different from this perhaps in terms of the continuum of compromises. And I believe that many, many, many good faith efforts were made along the way to arrive at something that perhaps was even a little different than this, but we tried to bring on more parties in the compromise. And certainly that is what this represents is the optimal scenario and something that has been discussed at great