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again and try to reemphasize the fact that we are not trying to hurt anybody. We're trying to just salvage some respect for our northeast part of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I support this motion and the action that is behind it. I've lived in every part of this state and I have worked in every far corner of the state. As one who has lived in northeast Nebraska, I can tell you that there is a real feeling there that the rest of the state can easily ignore that area. It's not a part of the economic fishhook. It's kind of off to the side someplace. And so that concern that we have full respect for every part of the state, which I think in our hearts we all do, I want to honor. But also, I felt last spring that the removal of this rural district was totally unnecessary and I voted against the plan when it was adopt...finally adopted. I am still there. I am disappointed in my colleagues that they couldn't see the superior wisdom of my vision. (Laugh) We do recognize that every person there was doing some good work and they have been here. We understand that on the floor, but I want that to be understood among the public. This is not even a hint of suggestion that somebody is not doing good work. I think it is a mission and cause which was uncompleted and I would like to complete it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, members, Mr. President and members. I'd like to just offer a few other thoughts, and I guess the main one is that this isn't about Senator Cunningham or Senator Dierks. I think we would all agree that they are very well liked and respected on the floor of this body and we would like to have them both back. And I know that there are some people who are probably going to vote to suspend the rules and then they're not going to vote to pull the bill from committee and, you know, maybe we're going to build false hopes if we suspend the rules, and maybe I don't really know where the votes are on this. But it is not about the two senators. It is about process. At the public hearing, which I sat through, most