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up some pavement. I think there's got to be some realities of management and I think those realities come from the people who are closest to those parks. As I mentioned yesterday, you know, within the discussion on Senator Kramer's bill, you had one plant in the state of Nebraska in Kimball County and the hearing was held in Lincoln, so now what, you know, what we're looking at is adding more people, who don't know what this terrain looks like and who don't live there and don't understand that, to the board in fairness for one person, one vote. And if we were going to do that, I would have recommended Senator Redfield's proposal. I could have lived with that. I could have taken that opportunity and said, I will give up what has been, you know, touted by Senator Schrock as a majority of 75 percent of the board for 60 percent, because I think that when you look at the way the state is broken out, where the parks and facilities are, I think there's no question that there needs to be strong representation from those parts of the state that have more of the Game and Parks facilities and land to oversee. I don't think there's any doubt there, and that's part of the management decision that Senator Bromm was talking about. So that's my rationale. Once again, I don't think it's broke. Let's not try and fix it here. I don't know if this is the fix. If it was, if we were truly trying to fix this, we would have done what Senator Redfield wanted to do and go to one person, one vote. We wouldn't have, you know, played this game, but in fairness of Senator Beutler I think we should take this to a vote. I would encourage at least 25 of my colleagues to press their red button, however, but in fairness I would encourage the vote on AM3343, but I would encourage it to be a red vote. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise with some reluctance to support AM3343. It does something that we, in southeast Nebraska, have been trying to do for years and that's try to get some representation out of Lancaster County, not that there's anything wrong with Lancaster County but obviously they have a dominant vote. And I had talked to Senator Beutler and hoped that he would also leave Sarpy County with Douglas County, but that doesn't seem to be an option. So I'm going to support this legislation simply because it does sort of leave the