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SENATOR HUDKINS: ...but what we're trying to do, essentially, is to accommodate those two requests. It does not upset the balance. Yes, the 2nd District does have an extra member, but if you go back and recall what I said, over the last how many years the 1st and the 3rd Districts had the extra member. So does it make that much difference? Probably not, but we're trying to accommodate requests of individual members. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I do support the amendment. I had not had a privilege of looking at it before it was proposed in the Rules Committee. Just addressing a couple of the criteria that were mentioned, talking about community of interest, I don't think that's relevant. Community of interest, if it's far as agriculture and things, you could take almost every county in District 1 and it would be a community of interest as much as the 3rd District. As far as keeping it contiguous, it would be the same. Senator Mossey, who would be contiguous right now to District 2, would still be that way, and right now my district jogs into District 1 so that would really not come into play very much. As far as trade area, I think Senator Mossey would fit into District 2 very well, and I can't believe that District 15 up in Dodge County or Platte County, anywhere else, that their trade area would be necessarily District 1. So if you were going to use that for the criteria, that really doesn't hold water. As far as committee assignments, I really have no problem with that. I've been in District 1 for the four years that I've been in the Legislature, and I've served on Committee on Committees the last two years and will again this...these two years, and I've been very comfortable there and appreciate working with the people there. It just seems like it fits better what I think my objectives are and, as far as fitting the criteria, I think it still fits into it very well. As far as congressional districts, even the new proposals do not fit congressional districts, so that does not seem to be a concern. So I would urge you to vote for the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Hartnett.