

geographical breakdown because regardless of how the committees were structured, you would have at least one caucus system that was out of whack and you could always justify it on that basis, couldn't you. We decided this time to use the Exec Board caucus. We could have used the Committee on Committees caucuses if this one did not serve our purposes. So this hardly is a determinative. Lincoln, one-seventh of this state's population, doesn't have a representative on the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and we are talking about geographical representation. That's a glaring error...(interruption).

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Landis, one minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: What is left? Well partisanship is left. There is a six-two partisanship on the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee in favor of the Republican Party. On the other committee it is four-three-one; four Republicans, three Democrats and one Independent. There is no party that rules the Government Committee and that is the problem, isn't it? We have the party Chairman of the Republican Party saying publicly that reapportionment is the primary vital concern of that party. I also was told two days ago by a member of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee that 1970 was a Democratic reapportionment, this is going to be the year of a Republican reapportionment. Now we have above and below the Executive Board those statements, and what is in the middle? The Executive Board referring it to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. I think if you add all that up, Sherlock Holmes, and even those not as bright as Sherlock Holmes, should be able to come up with the real agenda behind what is happening in the reference by the Executive Board. Mr. Chairman, I would ask that this vote be a record vote so that the constituencies of the Senators here will know who believes in the process being nonpartisan and who are dancing to the tune of those outside this body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Before we go on to the next speaker, I have a couple of guests of some Senators. We have...Senator Nichol has some guests under the south balcony, Mike and Lynette Marten, Leonard and Arlene Woodson, and Ray Brethour, all from Scottsbluff. Will they stand and be recognized. They are standing. Welcome to your Legislature. And we also have under the south balcony a guest of Senator Haberman, Mardy McCullough from Grant, Nebraska. Will Mardy please stand and be recognized. Welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Cope. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I call for the question.