

splitting a county that has an Indian Reservation, the Santee Indian Reservation is in Knox County and one of our guidelines is that we are supposed to keep social, economic conditions as close as possible in districts and I think that this certainly would disturb that situation up in Knox County and, therefore, is one of the reasons I am opposing it. Another reason I am opposing it is because this plan has not had a chance for a public hearing. The Knox Countians were not alerted that we were going to have a hearing to put their county into the Third District. The Thayer County people and the Cass County people had an opportunity to get their input at this hearing and, therefore, I would strongly urge you to not support this amendment to the amendment. Also, if you will recall on General File, you only need a simple majority to get an amendment to an amendment and so I think this is a little unfair to the committee amendment and that is another reason I think you should oppose the Maresh amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Higgins, did you want to speak to the Maresh amendment? Senator Vickers, did you want to speak to the Maresh amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr. President and members, I rise also to oppose the Maresh amendment, not that I really have a large interest one way or the other in which county is in what district in the Congressional areas but simply because of the fact that when I read the bill book, as Senator Hefner so aptly pointed out, I can understand Senator Maresh's concern when you see the number of people that testified in opposition and where they are from, but it seems to me that if we are going to start redrawing lines out here on the floor, then we should give those people that we are putting in another area an opportunity to come in and testify also. When you look up there and see there is only eight days left, if we are going to redraw the lines and then go back for a public hearing for those people that come in and testify as to how they feel about it, we all know that we are not going to get it done in eight days. Obviously, when you draw lines, somebody is going to be on one side and somebody is going to be on the other. And probably there are going to be people on one or the other sides that do not particularly care to be there, but with the population changes, I don't see where there is much of anything we can do about it other than draw the lines to the best of the ability, and I think the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee