

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Carsten's amendment. There isn't a Senator on the floor here that wants his county split, and I haven't heard any compelling reasons given today or in this discussion before today that to me indicates any great need of splitting Cass County. Sure, we can get it down to one or two people or maybe no difference at all if you would want to, but I support Senator Carsten's amendment. As I say again, there isn't another Senator on the floor that would support the plan that is presented if his county was split.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Carsten's amendment. I don't speak very often. I haven't been here a year yet and I generally wait because someone generally says what I want to say anyway but I don't think they will what I am going to say now. What I want to say is "trust me", Senator Hefner and committee, doggone it, we worked many noon hours and many evenings trying to come up with a plan to disturb the fewest amount of people in the Congressional Districts. This is a plan that the committee has worked on and I sincerely hope that you go through with it. If we start chipping away at taking this county out and that county out, back and forth, we only have eight days left and, my goodness sakes, we never will get done. I ask that you oppose Senator Carsten's amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Carsten, would you like to close please? Excuse me, Senator Beyer's light just came on, Senator Carsten. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am in about the same boat that Senator Von Minden is. It is very seldom that I get up to speak. The committee has spent a lot of time on these particular reapportionment plans. I supported the plan that come out of the committee and I oppose Senator Carsten's amendment. The area that is in...that he is talking about in western Cass County is tied very closely to Lincoln. In fact part of it has been in the legislative district of Senator Warner's. A lot of my experience has been in the trucking business there that those people bank in Lincoln, they trade in Lincoln, and this is one of the reasons that I voted for that plan to come out of committee because of the closer ties to Lincoln.