

Burt County at the Arizona Precinct, Summit Precinct, Craig Precinct, Pershing Precinct and Tekamah City, and move Thayer County to the 3rd District. Basically, I want to explain this plan because I think it is the best plan with the fewest number of counties moved, and it is the plan that I think this legislative body truly should accept as a compromise. Now, basically, the total deviation with this plan will be 1.14 percent. Excuse me, it will be .132 percent. In other words, it will be one-tenth of a percent deviation. Now that is tighter than the committee's original proposal, and based on the one man one vote ruling and the Supreme Court decisions, this plan is by far superior to the original proposal that the committee suggested. Now it does have one disadvantage which I am sure is going to create some problems here. It splits Burt County instead of Cass County. Now that is going to create some problems. It does it in a tighter way. Geographically it is preferable, but it has got one basic little problem which many of you should note, that is the Republican Party does not support this proposal because Burt County is a Republican County and Cass County is a Democratic county, and if you are going to split some counties, they would prefer to see Cass County split. But, frankly, it is tighter, it is preferable, it is the reasonable compromise that this legislative body ought to accept. Now, frankly, I had some misgivings the other day and I voted for the Warner amendment. I had some misgivings because I knew the deviation was too great. On the other hand, I have seen a lot of support for Senator Carsten's amendment and other amendments in regards to this. And so I got caught up in a moment that this body got caught up and I voted for the Warner amendment even though it is not as tight as it needs to be to pass the constitutional muster. So I offer this proposal because it is much tighter than even the committee's proposal, and because it is the right and most logical way to go. If you are going to split a county, Burt County is the smallest county. It is going to make fewer people unhappy that the county is split, it is closer, it's neater. You take the southern precincts, the southern tier, it does a much preferable job all the way around. But it does have that little bit of flaw and that is that it's not favored by the Republican Party, but it is, in fact, the right way to go. So I urge this body to adopt this amendment, and if they do not adopt this amendment, which is the preferable and best way to go in this whole regard, then I will offer another proposal, which is the Democratic Party's proposal. I will explain that when I offer it, but basically that proposal is much tighter than even this plan. It changes more counties around and it even is less liked by the Republican Party. And I