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am only going to offer that other proposal for the very simple reason...Senator Clark, if I could have some help here.

SENATOR CLARK: Could we have it a little quiet, please, so that the great orator here can be heard. Is that good enough, Senator Newell?

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you. Jim, you can get your chance in a minute. I know you are warming them up, but just give me a chance, just to finish my statement. So, basically, I will be offering the Democratic Party plan primarily for purposes of court consideration and so forth if this plan is not adopted. I would urge the Legislature to adopt this as a reasonable compromise. It is the tightest plan moving the fewest counties and, in fact, will be one that will not be likely to be challenged and one that I think will stand constitutional muster if it, in fact, is adopted.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, of course, I rise to oppose this proposal. This proposal was brought up at the committee hearing. The committee also discussed it. We rejected it. We did not accept the splitting of Burt County, also suggest to this body that there has been no hearing on splitting Burt County, and I think this is wrong because I think we ought to let the people speak and see what they think of it. Let me call to your attention that our committee, the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, did a lot of work, did a lot of work on reapportionment. My office is full of maps. It is full of population figures and this did not certainly work into the committee's plan. And I would like to ask Senator Newell a question if I could.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask him a question.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR HEFNER: What are you doing with Pierce County in your amendment? At the present time it has been moved from the 1st District to the 3rd District. What are you doing with that?