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CLERK: Part of your confusion might be that in preparation of the Journal last night in putting the amendment in we struck through rather than underscore, so I will bring that over to you and show it, but we offered a correction this morning, so I think the Journal will be clean.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. The way it is in my Journal, I believe it is incorrect. Okay.

CLERK: Let me get you a copy of the amendment so you can see exactly what Senator Newell's proposals are, Senator.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, fine. Okay, but I would urge this body to vote against the Newell proposal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Goll, you are on.

SENATOR GOLL: Members of the Legislature and Senator Newell, the unrelenting Senator Newell, if you will recall at the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee hearing on May 7th, you said, and I quote, "It is an unfortunate thing and I think it ought to be avoided whenever possible to split counties". And then Senator Newell, your committee...your committee agreed that it was in the best interests of Burt County not to make that north-south split, and so said so when they came out of the committee. When I testified at that committee on that evening, I had to make a decision on my own that the people in Burt County wanted to stay as just one simple farm county, and that they didn't want to get split in two, but since then I have had an opportunity, Senator Newell, to talk to the people up in my county, and I talked to Republicans and I talked to Democrats and I talked to some that weren't anything, and they said, we don't want to be split, we want to remain a solid county in the congressional district. Now we are a farm county of 8800 people and we have got 5378 registered voters in that county and for your information, as I said the other day, 74 percent of them turned out to vote, and that is a pretty good record. There is no good reason for dividing Burt County. I don't like it, and like Cal Carsten said, the people in my county don't like it either. I vigorously oppose this amendment and I would urge the Legislature to do likewise. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I voice the same opposition to this. I don't think we should accept this because of Thayer County going back into the 3rd District. I think