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Thayer County turned out probably the largest delegation to come and oppose the committee's plan and we did make a change here on the floor and I think we should stay with it. So I will oppose this proposition.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been asked for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I will be short. Jim, you did an excellent job. The drama was perfect. This is, in fact, an opportunity to adopt a plan that will be tight, that will pass the constitutional muster of one-man one-vote. This is a plan that I think this Legislature ought to recognize as a compromise plan. It moves the fewest counties. It moves Thayer into the 3rd District. That is unavoidable, Senator Maresh, I am sorry. If I move Pierce, it would be not as tight as it is now, and consequently, I would not have those great arguments. Burt County comes out so much closer, about twice as close to the committee's plan to cut Cass County. Frankly, this is the compromise plan. It is the right way to go. It is something that this Legislature ought to consider seriously. Even though it has had that one little flaw, it is not supported by "Senator" Heineman. I urge the adoption of this plan.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Newell amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote. Senator Newell, do you want a record vote? A roll call vote?

SENATOR NEWELL: I don't want a Call of the House, just a roll call vote.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call.

SENATOR NEWELL: That's fine too. I just want a roll call vote. Okay, a record vote and let some people call in some votes then.