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to me that it is perfectly appropriate, in fact, it seems to me that we must reject the Warner amendment if we really are to have our congressional reapportionment pass constitutional muster. But it also seems even more importantly to me appropriate to go ahead and accept the original committee drawing even though that provides a greater population variance than to say the Democratic Party plan which Senator Newell last put up, which apparently only allowed a 61 vote population variance. Why? Because the court has said some population variance may be allowed if it is justifiable and political considerations are adequate justification.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And the kind of percentage variance that we have in the committee plan is well within the contours permitted by the United States Supreme Court in the 1973 Texas decision. It is for that reason I would ask the body at this time to approve the Hefner amendment upon the congressional districts.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Question.

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

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 15 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I recognize that no one likes to move. The basis for my amendment the other day was exactly as I stated to try to find a way not to split counties, and it seems to me that the amendment that was offered came within, as I recall, 1.15, which is closer than existing districts. I don't know for sure what compelling reasons are in the view of the court, but it seems to me that from my point of view there are compelling reasons to recognize the existence of a great many organizations, political subdivisions, that are based upon county