

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would now move to amend the committee amendments. (Read Hefner amendment (3) found on pages 2217 and 2218, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, this is a major amendment. It was agreed early this morning, it was agreed by Senator Cope, Senator Kremer, Senator Wagner and Senator Kahle and it affects Legislative Districts #41, 36, 37 and 34 and what it does I feel that it ties the districts together just a little bit better. For instance in #37, in District #37, we eliminate the U-shape that we had in the previous amendment but I believe before I will talk very much on it, why I would like to have some of these Senators from this area tell you how they feel about this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we go to that matter, underneath the North balcony as a guest of Senator Wiitala is former Senator Neil Simon. Senator Simon, will you move out and say "hello"? Senator Wagner, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR WAGNER: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, about a week or so ago the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee held a hearing and I testified at that hearing. They had another plan at that time that basically I supported. There have been probably many plans on the center part of Nebraska and the one thing I would like to kind of point out to many of the other Senators is the group of about six of us were in the center of the state. I think if I were to run again I would move to the outside and get along the border. You can only go but one way and that is in but to realize that when you start, you come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, you are going to come together and we are in the middle here and I think at times it is very difficult to try to arrange a district in the middle. I think it is more difficult than probably any place else and so, therefore, we are probably going to have a little harder time keeping county lines and so forth and we are just purely going to come down to splitting some, and that also happened in Senator Rumery's district where he had to split his county three ways and I think this is the result of everything coming together in the middle. I do support this plan but I sincerely would like to thank the committee for their efforts. I think they have done a very excellent job. In addition to the committee, I'd also like to say "thank you" to the staff because I think that staff did a very excellent job. They kept their sense of humor, and Lord knows, they needed it. The plan we have here today I think