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Nebraska, not so much for our own particular interest in the issue. And I also want to thank the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and I have been thankful many, many times that the Government Committee didn't get this difficult task. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR HOWARD PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I just would rise to support the amendment. It appears to me that as I look at Hall County that the committee has done a good job of at least dividing the county in such a way that the interests lie in the areas where the very Senators have been assigned. I certainly would agree with Maurice Kremer. It will make it much easier for him to represent the area south of the Platte. It would have been difficult for him to come across the river. I know Ron Cope is not completely happy but I just say to Ron that I look forward to working with him in the outlying area around Grand Island and I know Ron and I have gotten along fine in the past as we split a little of Grand Island and I just say at this point that I assure the four Senators involved of close cooperation as far as I am concerned.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I support the district that I represent that is in the report of the committee. Don't be too harsh on the five or six Senators in the middle of the state, we all jockeyed for a position and, believe me, we held out and we finally compromised like I think sensible people do, and this is the way it came out. None of us got exactly what we wanted but I think we are going to work together better and I again, like everyone else, want to thank the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. I know one thing sure, I wouldn't want to be on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, in the North balcony from Senator DeCamp's District, we welcome 18 eighth and ninth graders and adults from Orchard Public School, Orchard, Nebraska, Mrs. Linda Mieras, Mr. Larry Mieras, teachers. They are in the North balcony. Will you hold up your hands so we can see where you are? Welcome to the Unicameral. Senator Hefner, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I am very happy that these four Senators have now come to an agreement. It shows that they are great men, that they can compromise and work out things and I certainly think this is great. I guess this is why we have such a