

ing county lines throughout the state but since there has been a great deal of lobbying in terms of the Public Service Commission and since we feel very strongly that what is good for the goose is good for the gander or equal is equal or whatever you want to call it, we offer this amendment, perhaps mostly to be instructive and to help this Legislature understand the importance of county lines, especially the Harrison Street county line and with that I will reserve the rest of my talk for the closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think most of you will recall the difficult time we had with District #5 when we were planning out the legislative district. It went on for weeks and there was some harsh words said and I came in, more or less as the peacemaker, and decided that I would cut myself down to 30,545 in order that I would not have to cross the Sarpy County line. We all agreed, where others are having as high as 33,000, 32,000 and 31,000, that I would be the lowest in the state and take 30,500 which is far below the others throughout the State of Nebraska. Now I did this because I knew that we would not ever come to any agreement about my crossing the Sarpy County line. Now I just talked to Senator Hefner and I asked him if he was going to introduce the amendment on the next bill which would have the Public Service Commission crossing over into Sarpy County. I disagree with this. I do not support this and I think it is a little bit unfair that I would come to an agreement with the Sarpy County senators and I am sure that they will also disagree with crossing the county line as they did when I was doing it on the Public Service Commission. So I am sure that whether we bring this amendment to a vote or not, I certainly did want to stand up here and voice my opposition to what will happen, I am sure, on the next bill, even though there is not an amendment up there but I understand and by what I saw out in the rotunda, the people that are lobbying for the Public Service...legislative...not the Public Service district to be changed, I certainly wish that this amendment would go back and be adopted to this bill so that I can be equal to the rest of you and have 31 to 33 thousand in my district. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I think what Senator Newell has here is something that he anticipates. It has not happened yet. I think if you read in your bill book and the committee comments or what we reported to the floor, it is true. I did not support