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SENATOR HEFNER: There were four commissioners that support this plan.

SENATOR KOCH: Four commissioners supported the plan you just handed out to us?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, another question of Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner...

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Hefner, what was your position on crossing county lines?

SENATOR HEFNER: We didn't...am I on...we didn't try to cross county lines no more than we had to.

SENATOR KOCH: The question then is, is it absolutely necessary to cross a county line this time?

SENATOR HEFNER: I think it is in this plan because if we adopt this plan we are not changing too many counties. We are only changing two counties and a part of another one.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, thank you, Senator Hefner. That is rather interesting. Now I haven't had a chance to talk about Legislative District 12 but I am going to because I was one of those Senators who had surplus people, and so the first thing was since we were going to hold county lines sacrosanct that we would try to make that boundary solid. So I gave up the City of LaVista which I have served during my legislative career which was set in 1972. So as a result, my district changed rather dramatically, but I did that because of the interest of other legislators in that area, and for me to allow this to happen today, even though I know there is some gerrymandering going on here for the purpose of trying to make certain that your turf will be protected to the greatest degree you can protect it, it is obvious that this body when now, after the other day's decision, are going to change considerably. The other day we decided when we debated this that it was appropriate that we should try to preserve county lines when absolutely necessary and feasible. So I find this a very interesting change. So I suspect that I possibly will want to go back and consider legislative district so I can get LaVista again, therefore, I will not be doing anything that is changing a precedent and, therefore, I can give back to Senator Wiitala some area that was really in his legislative district where

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