

of the committee when we adopt a point of view that you don't totally concur with. We can spend a lot of time on reapportionment. We can spend a tremendous amount of time if we want to. I think the committee has tried, in good faith, to follow the recommendations set down by the committee. I think that it is extremely unwise of us to start to change the committee plans and all of these lines now. The recommendation that the committee adopted and sent to the floor of the legislature crosses few county lines, I think that it is a better plan. It doesn't meet the political desires of one individual on the Public Service Commission, that is unfortunate, but it is still a logical consistent plan. We shouldn't change it because one member of the Public Service Commission isn't thrilled about it and that is what we are talking about doing. I urge you to reject the Hefner motion.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I arise very strongly to object to the Hefner proposal. In fact I find it kind of interesting that the Chairman, that the Chairman asked the committee to, once we worked this out and I want to give you a little bit of a scenario. We had a very difficult time on legislative districts. We had some problems on Public Service and Supreme Court and we had some problems on the Regents. We finally worked it out. The Chairman at the exec session where we kicked these bills out said, now will the committee support me? On General File the committee stood with the chairman to amend. In fact there was no debate. I would say that the committee supported the chairman in that regard. But now we have a chairman who for his own reasons, and I don't want to speak for him, is offering an amendment. An amendment that makes no other sense than the fact that "A" commissioner is asking to do this for "the" commissioner's own personal political reasons. We talk about the commission being solidly in favor, in private conversations saying, one says he would rather stay totally in Douglas County as he always has been and sees no reason for going into Sarpy County. Another commissioner says it doesn't make much sense to me but I'm not going to fight it and the other three commissioners, the other two commissioners I have not talked to because it changes one of their districts not at all and obviously doesn't make any difference to the others. So frankly what we have here is a little accommodation. I guess what exercises me the most is this accommodation was very similar to one that the Douglas County delegation asked in other regards in terms of legislative districts. The committee on a five to two vote voted to disregard Douglas County legislators requests to cross the Sarpy County line.