

Now there is no reason to cross the Sarpy County line here. In fact, it really means one county less in terms of total change. Because you are changing...you are crossing into Sarpy County, that is one county and two counties remain in the district under this proposal of Senator Hefner's. So one county fewer is what change they are talking about. We are going to make one small county less. Now the efficacy of keeping the committees plan is very simple. It does not cross county lines. It is within the guidelines. It is tight. It is rationale. It is reasonable and it was a staff recommendation. It was not made for any political purposes. This amendment is offered for political purposes only. I think the chairman who asked the committee to stay with him ought to have egg on his face at this very moment when he proposes for political expediency or for whatever reasons to change the committees amendments. I urge this legislature not to do this. It is wrong, it is the height of political "bagony", yeah, and I think that there is no justification whatsoever for this change.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you Mr. President. Senator Hefner, would you yield to a question? I wasn't listening but I do want to know for myself, was this amendment brought up or this plan brought up in committee?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, we discussed it.

SENATOR LABEDZ: And how was the vote on it?

SENATOR HEFNER: I think that there were three or four votes for it.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Out of seven?

SENATOR HEFNER: Out of seven.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay.

SENATOR HEFNER: Or maybe eight, out of eight I believe.

SENATOR LABEDZ: So the motion did fail whatever it was... whoever made it. Okay. As I said before when we were discussing the other bill it didn't do me any good and I was very unhappy about taking a cut in my district from 33,000 as most of you have, going down to 30,000 because I felt that it would do no good to bring it on the floor and argue it back and forth. We went along with the committee and cut myself down about 3,000 people, put me down to 30,500