

County, between Lincoln and Falls City and areas like that. My wife's family even comes from down in Falls City so I think even personally I feel a certain attachment to that part of the state. So I think although it is a political proposal by former Senator Simpson to keep that tie, it is not simply to serve Senator Simpson that this should be done. I think it is to the advantage of anyone in Lincoln for this Public Service Commission District to give as much of Sarpy County as possible up, to get it out of our area, so it can work with Omaha, and to try to tie in with Southeast Nebraska, which as I indicate, there is a natural affiliation between Lincoln and Southeast Nebraska. So I think for that reason, even though it is a political proposal, if you will, I guess all reapportionment is, and even though the committee, it breaks the unanimity of the committee, I would support this. I think that the Sarpy County line is an arbitrary line anyway and I think that Senator Labeledz and Koch and Wittala have a justified point that if we adopt this amendment and throw aside that arbitrary boundary and recognize that Bellevue is more part of Omaha than part of rural Sarpy County, and certainly more part of Omaha than part of Lincoln, that we can go back and look at some of the legislative districts. So although Senator Hefner I guess has taken a somewhat unprecedented stance here in defecting from his own committee, as a Lincoln Senator and one who is interested in Lincoln having adequate representation on the Public Service Commission, strong representation, I certainly would support his proposal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker and members, I would like to tell Senator Fowler that we have a gentleman from Columbus comes down and represents Omaha. He has the western part. So we have nothing...we don't think he has anything in common with us as Senator...Commissioner Simpson with Lancaster County and Sarpy County. I stand up here to oppose this. I think myself, personally, all the people, forty-nine senators, voted and we worked hard to get where we are today. The Board of Regents, the Board of Education, we all agreed on everything. Are we going to let one man come in here and take all the work that we have done over a period of months, one individual and Service Commissioner, we will have him come in here and tell us what to do? I think you fellows have a little more backbone to get out here and vote your convictions because I think this is the most asinine thing I have heard this year. Everybody agrees and everything down here on this and one individual