

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion, Senator Dworak?

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, very briefly, I discussed the amendment with virtually everyone on the floor this morning. It affects the Supreme Court districts. It affects only two districts and that is three and five. The amendment creates a better geographical cohesion than the committee plan. I have talked to the chairman, Senator Hefner, Senator Cullan and other members of the Miscellaneous Committee. I did not receive any strong opposition to this particular proposal from anyone on the floor. I think in all fairness I should say that the Bar Association is supporting the original plan but they are not aggressively opposing the new proposal. I think that if you look at the maps that I have passed out it makes a lot of sense. I urge that this bill be returned to Select File so that we can put on this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would support this amendment. I brought one to you before yesterday. That did not go far. That would have given a chunk of Lancaster County to the northeastern district. I can understand why the outstate senators voted against that and I have no regrets, however, this does not include any changes in Lancaster County but it makes a lot more sense. I guess the point I was trying to make yesterday and the point Senator Dworak is making is we have some pretty strange districts in the judicial districts for the Supreme Court, if we don't adopt the Dworak amendment. I am not sure why we adhered so closely to the congressional district line and I think the slight adjustments in those lines by Senator Dworak make a lot of sense. He makes the districts more reasonable, more contiguous. I think he makes for a better I think overall statewide district plan for the Supreme Court and I certainly support his efforts. I hope that you will adopt his amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the Dworak plan. I think it is a little better plan than the one that the committee sent to the floor. I did not support the plan that we sent to the floor and I cautioned the committee that we had District #3 extending from the northern boundary of Nebraska to the southern boundary, however, this plan that we did send to the floor was the Bar Association plan and they had lobbied it very heavily. I think that if we had a little more time, and I am talking about the committee now, we would have considered the Bar proposal a little longer and perhaps came up with a better plan ourselves but it seemed like we were running out of time and therefore we realized that we had to get a plan to the floor and we went with the Bar Association