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Missouri. And this provision also reemphasizes the intent of the Legislature that the commission set the boundaries instead of going into lawsuits like we have been doing in the past. And finally the bill provides for a dissolution of the Boundary Commission at such times that negotiations have been agreed upon and the boundaries have been established. So that, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, is the content and the intent of the bill and I move that it be advanced to E & R Initial as amended.

SENATOR CLARK: Do we have an amendment on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Remmers would move to amend the bill. (Read the Remmers amendment as found on page 668 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to amend this bill. It is a very good bill. It is a necessary bill. We have a problem along the Missouri River and the Iowa-Nebraska boundary that is weighing very heavily on a few citizens from Nebraska, and I think it behooves us to do something about this. And the bill that Senator Kremer is offering here is a very good bill. But I would like to suggest that we change the two lay people to three. We have... the Missouri River bounds Nebraska on three states, Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota, and I think it would be well to have three members. I don't want to designate just where they would be selected, but I think it would be logical that probably they would be selected from the areas that are represented. In other words, one maybe down on the Missouri River boundary, one maybe bounding Iowa and another one South Dakota. I think this way if there are any problems in a particular area, I believe the areas would be better represented. So I urge you to support the amendment to raise the number "two" to "three" lay members to be appointed by the Governor.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten, did you want to talk on the amendment?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support the amendment, but I believe we could also...Senator Remmers, and I wanted to ask you a question. Inasmuch as our three Congressional Districts border the states that we are so involved with, I am wondering if we couldn't designate one lay person from each Congressional District, inasmuch...would you give that any consideration in your amendment?

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