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SENATOR REMMERS: I would see no problem. Does the 3rd Congressional District border up on the top end of it? Yes, it does. Well, that sounds like a logical proposal. I would certainly accept that.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, if I may, I would like to ask Senator Kremer the same question and if he is receptive to the amendment as proposed and if he would see anything wrong with a member from each one of the Congressional Districts.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, not necessarily, only the thinking of the committee was this, that perhaps the people who would be the most effective and the most knowledgeable would be those lay people that are close to the problem, and if you go to each Congressional District, you know, it would scatter them clear over the state. Secondly, when you increase the size of the commission, now remember it is going to increase the cost. We tried to hold the cost down. There was a great deal of apprehension as to what this thing may cost again. The Governor was concerned. So we did hold the A bill down to \$2500 for the first year thinking that probably will pay for the expenses now, but if you enlarge the commission, we are getting right back where we were and the cost is going to be greater, and especially if you bring them in from a distance like you will if you go to the Congressional Districts.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I fully accept the presentation that Senator Kremer has made and think that it is worthwhile and we have, or they have cut down the size of the commission considerably, and with that I heartily agree. The only thing was, I felt inasmuch as we do have the 3rd Congressional District that does border on the Missouri River up on the South Dakota area that perhaps there should be a representative in that Congressional District if it was so selected from that northern area that that Congressional District borders in addition to the 2nd and the 1st that are literally in the southeast corner. I would amend the Remmers amendment to make that 3 lay persons, one from each Congressional District, and I do not have it prepared but, thank you, Pat.

SENATOR CLARK: Now we are talking on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature,