

of sleep over, and so goes Maine, so goes Nebraska, I guess, I don't think the country is going to follow. When Texas and California adopt this, why then I will see some merit to it, but we only have five votes. I don't see any reason to divide it. And, Senator Wesely, don't ask me to feel too sorry for the Democrats this morning with your Democratic Governor and two Democratic Senators, and your one Democratic Congressman. I don't think it is a Democrat, Republican issue. I think it is just the fact of why should we be different. We have only got five votes to begin with, why divide them.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam President, members, I will be brief on this. I guess I am going to oppose the bill and I don't guess. I am going to oppose the bill but I guess, primarily, I feel it is...I don't know that we have an impetus needed for change at this point. I think the biggest reason that I would oppose it at this stage is that the mischief that is...the increased mischief that could be created in terms of dividing districts. If we had permanent district boundaries, such as we have state lines, perhaps I would be more inclined. I am really not going to say I am going to write this idea off forever, but with the potential for gerrymandering that has been through history and potential for the future, which we all know and acknowledge that it is there, there is going to be increased impetus to try to get the districts aligned so that there will be even more advantage for a particular party, and it could go either way, Democrat or Republican. Our state lines are fixed. There is not that initiative to or intent needed to try to change those lines because they are fixed. But as we know, our district lines move. Probably the chances are for Nebraska that we will lose a Congressional seat in time, and if the population continues to grow in other parts of the United States as it is now, maybe 20 or 30 years away, but at least that potential exists and so then we are going to see even more effort to realign districts based on parties or whatever. So I think that this would tend to increase the tendency to gerrymander, acknowledging that it is there, acknowledge that most try to be fair about it, but let's don't put more pressure on that process. Let's wait and see and study a little back, one nation...one state out of 49 isn't too much of a movement, in my opinion, at this time and we need to jump on the bandwagon at this time.