

increase in acreage. And that's the reason for this bill. I urge your adoption. If any of you are unfamiliar with soybeans, I'd like to thank Senator Schrock for passing out the seed this morning. I happen to get soybeans. If you're interested in what soybeans look like, I have that, it's very appropriate for this bill. I have...if there's any questions, I'll answer them. But the picture, essentially, shows the picture of what we propose, going from seven to nine members. And it more aligns with soybean production across the state, with the agronomic practices that are practiced within given districts, and will, I think, enhance the representation on the soybean board.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. We'll now go to Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, would you look at that map. Look, the western two-thirds of the state is going from one person out of seven to one person out of nine. Does that look like it's fair and equitable? Look at that, two-thirds of the state only get one representative on the soybean board. Now, Senator Johnson, in the next bill, his map has justification for the changes in that he's got the production in each of those districts. And on this map I don't see that, and I'm wondering how my friend, Senator Wehrbein, could be discriminating against western Nebraska in such an obvious manner.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I don't have any soybeans, but I've got some little bluestem. And you senators that live in town, if you don't have any use for the bluestem, I could use it because I've got a pasture I want to sew. Yeah, you sure can. No, this bill was before Agriculture Committee, and I think you'll kind of disregard what Senator Lamb said, because I don't think they have any soybeans out there anyway. They've got some edible beans, but I don't think they've got very many soybeans. The testimony was very enlightening and I ask for the advancement of this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rogers. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Rogers. Senator Lamb, just to make sure that we have everything on a fair basis, I would remind you that because of the rainfall or the lack