

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, I would ask to withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Is there further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, there are. Madam President, Senator Withem would move to amend the bill. (Withem amendment appears on page 2096 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Madam Chair, I had filed two amendments. Has the first one been disposed of and withdrawn and we're now dealing with the second one? Would appreciate if you'd listen somewhat closely to this because this is an amendment that was just drafted with the help of Senator Lindsay and some other people in an attempt to strike some sort of accord on what we ought to be doing with judicial districts in Nebraska. The message I have heard here today as somewhat of a casual observer of this process is total agreement that, yes, there's problems with the districts as they exist, but frustration that that agreement that there is problems has never quite led to fruition, that the changes never quite take place. I suggested to some people that what they might do is what we've done in other areas where we've had difficulty where everybody agrees that there is a problem but that nobody quite gets around to agreeing to some new formula and that is simply employing the sunset. I had originally drafted a measure that would have sunset the judicial districts effective January 1 of 19...originally it was 1994, 1993 seems to be acceptable, and that would have put a hammer in the statute saying that, yeah, we're not going to upset things right away. We're going to go ahead and leave Senator Robak's amendment the way it was drafted, we're going to go ahead and try to add the two judges, as I understand it, that the rest of the thing will go along as originally dealt with but that Senator Beutler's concern and some of the other concerns that we never quite get at judicial redistricting would be dealt with because we put something in the statute that says that the current system goes away and that we have to create some new system of allocating districts. Senator Lindsay convinced me that there is probably a constitutional problem of having in the statutes a measure that only has one district in the State of Nebraska, has the effect