

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Is there any one who wishes to address this amendment? Seeing none, we will vote on the Conway amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the technical amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator, do you want to further explain your committee amendments before we...or should we go right to the...

SENATOR CONWAY: Actually, I assume that everything pending is a complete amendment to the committee amendments and they would ultimately strike and replace the committee amendments or would they not? Are they all written as striking? Therefore, whatever order they were filed, I suppose would be appropriate, and to discuss the committee amendment wouldn't be necessary at this point because they would strike it and replace it.

CLERK: Okay, Madam President, the first amendment to the committee amendments is by Senator Robinson. Senator, I have your AM2128, and copies have been distributed to the members. (See pages 2508-09 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I don't think this is any secret, as far as my amendment is concerned. Basically what it does, you have been handed out a copy of a map and also a copy of the amendment. What it does is it moves part of Sarpy County in to the First, and keeps Burt and Washington County in the Second Congressional District. It would leave Madison County in the First Congressional District and it would move Fillmore, Saline, Jefferson, half of Gage County, the lower half, southern part of Gage County into the Third. Why is this a good amendment? For an agricultural state, I think it is imperative that each Congressman has a certain amount of rural mix in their district, and that is what this amendment does. Burt County and Washington County together has over 2,000 farmers, excuse me, 2,000 farms and over 4,000 farmers. A few days ago, there was an article in the paper quoting Senator Schimek that we should have a rural mix in our