

congressional districts, and I agree with Senator Schimek. Now she was talking about her First Congressional District, and I overwhelmingly agree with her about the Second Congressional District. Burt and Washington County have been in the Second Congressional District since 1970. Congressman Hoagland has said on a number of occasions he would like to keep Burt and Washington County in his legislative district. What does this do? It prevents one congressional district from being completely urban. There are a few farms in western Sarpy County that would remain in District 2 if my plan was voted down. Both Republicans and Democrats in the Burt and Washington County area support this plan. There is a less drastic change under my amendment than with Senator Schimek's and Senator Conway's amendment. I think another good thing for this is you people that represent rural Nebraska, you should take a good look at what you want in your congressional districts. Do you want an urban district or do you want three districts that are represented by someone that has a good amount of farmland and farmers and small communities in your district, and so you should support my plan. We have many active and activist farmers in my district, from the Farm Bureau to the American Ag Movement. You could probably say it may be an urban-ag issue. There is no doubt about what our number one industry in the State of Nebraska is, it is agriculture. It impacts all three legislative districts. If you represent a legislative district, you had better take a good look at this plan. I would move that all of you consider my plan, especially you people that represent rural areas, and I would ask for the adoption of my amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. I will now recognize senators in the following order: Senator Conway, Schimek, Coordsen, and Wesely. Senator Conway. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Robinson amendment. The Robinson amendment was presented in partial form anyway to the Government Committee and we did have the opportunity to consider it. The plan has changed somewhat from the way it was presented in committee because now instead of having Madison County go into the Third Congressional District, it is retained in the First Congressional District, and the Counties of Fillmore, Saline, Jefferson, and half of Gage are removed from the First District and put in the Third Congressional District. So when we are