

looking at the Robinson plan, we are looking at essentially what was the Conway plan in committee, and I would like to discuss both the Robinson plan and the Conway plan in my remarks here. First of all, with regards to the Robinson plan, I would just urge you, and I don't know how strongly I can say this, but Omaha and Sarpy County are almost, well, they are two peas in a pod. They are like twin brothers, twin sisters, if you will. They are highly intertwined and dependent upon one another for different services and shopping and so forth. I would say that one county is simply an extension of the other, and that could work either way. Secondly, I would like to mention that the reason that the original Conway plan and the Schimek plan, which is the committee plan, incidentally, the reason that the Second and First Congressional District boundary was structured the way it was, was because there was some historical precedence for dividing Cass County. Cass County was divided in 1980 by the redistricting proposal that was adopted. What we did, under both the original Conway plan and the Schimek plan, was to take a little bit more of Cass County and put in the First Congressional District, leaving the area of Plattsmouth and North Plattsmouth Precinct in the Second Congressional District. Now I think the odds are great that in 10 years from now, we may have to move the rest of Cass County in the First Congressional District. Never a good situation to divide a county. I think, though, that once a county has been divided, it is less shattering on it than to divide a new county, such as Sarpy County. Now if my information is correct, the part of Sarpy County that would go into the First Congressional District under the Robinson plan would probably be Gretna, maybe Springfield, and Chalco Hills, and maybe Senator Beyer could give us a better indication of what territory we are talking about. I did say, Senator Robinson, that I thought it was better to have some rural area in a district. That is where it is possible, and I was referring to some comments by Bruce Neidig of the Farm Bureau, when he said that in the First Congressional District, according to my plan, that there was going to be a shift in the way the district was structured. And I was responding and simply saying that...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...my plan actually keeps more farms in the First District than the original Conway plan did. I'd like to turn to the original Conway plan, which is the other part of the Robinson amendment, and it deals with the western boundary of