

County, and I don't know how many years it has been in one legislative seat, but certainly for the last 10 years, that we are in this plan asking that Gage County be split, and then further on in another bill, there will be one or more amendments that will split Gage County insofar as the legislative district seats are drawn. I would suggest that the same arguments that have been conveyed to so many of us by letter relative to Madison County might well apply equally in Gage County. To take a county that has been contiguous for many years, and to split that up in both congressional and legislative seats, is just asking a little bit more of understanding on the part of those folks than I think we should expect. So at this time, I do oppose the Robinson plan. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. The speaking order now is Senator Wesely, Conway, Byars, Bayer, Schimek, Hartnett, and Robinson. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I, too, would rise in opposition to the Robinson plan, pretty much along the same lines as Senator Coordsen, who expressed his lack of support for the western boundary of the plan. I, too, would share that concern. The Robinson plan would have Fillmore, Saline, Jefferson, and part of Gage County move to the Third District, which, obviously, would be detrimental to their voices being heard in the First District. They would be moved to the Third District, and that community of interest that is felt in southeast Nebraska, would be lost, and based on that, I don't particularly have a great concern about the eastern boundary question that Senator Robinson raises, but I certainly would object as strong as I can to the western boundary changes. I don't think they make sense. The Schimek plan is better in that regard, and so I would ask your opposition to the Robinson plan.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Robinson's plan, not for the same reasons, obviously, as Senator Wesely and Senator Schimek, but for the very fact that I think that Burt and Washington County, in terms of their memberships, in many cases may be much better represented by a person who is already representing the agricultural interests that are there. I am sure there is two philosophies, the one saying we have an urban senator, who has no interest. I don't think that an urban...excuse me, an urban