

district, you're going to have about 40 percent of the population base, you're going to have influence. Attempting to take away, by eliminating neighboring counties, that influence, I think, clearly is not to be taken lightly by those of us that feel that we ought to try and put districts together that reflect a community of interest and ought to do a better job of it than the Conway plan. The Schimek plan does try to keep intact an area of the state that has been together now for many years in the First Congressional District. For some time there was a northern and southern congressional districts, to some degree, some understanding, obviously, this is a north/south conflict perhaps, maybe a Norfolk/Lincoln conflict. Hopefully, it's not going to be to a point beyond that. But we also have, obviously, a partisan conflict involved here as well. And a lot of questions arise and I hope Senator Conway will talk about this. For instance, in the plan that Senator Conway has put together, he has got...he's got York County in the First District and runs this line, he jots out to make sure he takes in York County and then jots back in all the way two counties over to Lancaster County. Of course, our current congressman resides, I think, in York County but that's all a matter of conjecture. But, nevertheless, it seems to me that trying to make sure York County is included in the First District, when you take away these other counties, it seems patently unfair. And, in addition, if Madison County needs so badly to be in the First Congressional District, the question comes up of why Platte County and Columbus aren't included, why are any cities in or out of the First or Third Congressional Districts? And I think we should get into a discussion about what we're really trying to accomplish here. Who do we...who are we attempting to provide a community of interest and representation to? I'm going to...there's a lot more to discuss here but the World-Herald article and editorials talked about attempts to try and make some sense in redistricting, not to have it so purely partisan and attempt to try and have some logic based on it. I can't see very much of the logic of the Conway plan other than to, again, emphasize the northern area of the district, and as much as possible diminish the southern area of the district. And he as much as said that in his opening comments. And, obviously, perhaps the reverse is true of the Schimek plan. Well, let's try and understand again what we're hoping to accomplish is to have a unity of representation so that we can have the very best job done for us in having our voice heard back in Washington and in our congressional representation. And that means, as we work through this issue, we have to have, I