

County. But the thing that Gerry didn't mention is the fact that Madison County also serves a large area west of Madison County, that eastern Sandhills region is part of the market area and again schooling area, I think, for Madison County. Travel time would be increased in the Third Congressional District for a candidate like Bill Barrett. Maybe we want him running around the district and around the state a little bit more but it is a more compact district under my plan. The other thing that my district does is takes Thayer County and moves it back into the First Congressional District which they would like very much. They've been in the Third District for ten years and they have a strong community of interest with Fillmore, Saline and Jefferson. It's part of a four-county area that Senator Coordsen basically represents. I might also mention that Madison County could actually be a population center for the northeastern portion of the Third District, and, in fact, the Columbus and Madison area...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...are often together on boards and commissions. If you will take a look at the handout that I gave you, we talked about this, this morning. I'm sorry Senator Robinson isn't here because this is a good reason for him to support my plan and not vote for the Conway amendment. We did look at the rural-urban split in the First Congressional District and the Third Congressional District and, as you know, the Third Congressional District is primarily agricultural, and the First District is more of an urban-rural split, although certainly a lot of urban areas in the Third District, too. But under the Schimek plan you actually would have 901 more farms in the First Congressional District than there were in the last 10 years.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Under the Conway plan, the net result is 999 fewer farms in the First District.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The speaking order now is Senator Coordsen, Lamb, Hefner, Peterson, Warner, Wesely and Withem, and now Schimek. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: (Microphone not activated) ...the body, two questions, I believe, of Senator Conway, if he would reply.