

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yeah.

SENATOR COORDSEN: First question, no answer needed, same question I asked Senator Robinson this morning. If you represented Thayer, Saline and Jefferson County in the Legislature, would you be supportive of the Conway plan?

SENATOR CONWAY: Sure.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Sure you would. (Laughter.) Sure you would. There's life as we would like it to be and life as it really is sometimes, I believe. The second point is that I'm not overly enthused about moving Madison County from the First District into the Third. And for all of the reasons that I'm really not supportive of taking all of the shift in the east-southcentral part of the state, Senator Conway, have you ran figures on perhaps taking part of the shift on the northern side and part in the southern side rather than either all one place or all the other?

SENATOR CONWAY: Well, as you remember in committee, I offered some proposals of doing some of those kinds of shifts and did not get any positive responses for that regard. I went back to the original plan mainly for you so that all of your legislative district, as it is now, or probably will be in the future, can all be in one congressional district.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, gee, thank you. Your compassion, genuine all around good-heartedness is just overwhelmingly gratifying this afternoon, Senator Conway. We have talked about a lot of things on congressional districts, community of interest, topography, weather, generally if we were going to look at those sorts of things, Highway 81, more or less on agricultural issues, separates the state and so we have transgressed that several times in that community of interest. The one thing that we have to do, no matter what these lines turn out to be on a map, is that the district size has to be as close to the zero tolerance for population as is possible for us to do and maintain some of the other guidelines. But the only thing that really is, I think, legally mandated upon us is to maintain the population equitability between the three congressional districts in the state. Beyond that, what we do