

will be brief because I have already spoken once but I just...I really couldn't let Senator Lamb's little query go unmentioned. Senator Lamb, I don't see you on the floor. There you are. I just want to ask you, why is my plan partisan and Senator Conway's isn't partisan? One of the things that Senator Wesely...yeah, we want to hear the answer, Senator Lamb, but one of the things that Senator Wesely pointed out in his remarks is that the district is already 50 percent Republican, 43 percent Democrat and the Conway plan actually increases it by more Republicans than my plan decreases it. So if you want to make this a partisan bill, then look at the figures and see which plan is the most partisan. I don't want to do that. But, Senator Lamb, neither do I want to let something like that go unchallenged. No plan that we introduce on this floor, I'm convinced of it, no plan is going to satisfy everybody. Nobody wants to have their status quo upset. No matter what county we...counties we decide to involve in a move to the Third Congressional District, no one is going to be happy because they're used to being in the First Congressional District. In support of the Third Congressional District, I certainly don't want people there to feel like that's a place where nobody wants to go. I don't think that's the question here at all. I think it's just a matter of defending the status quo. Senator Warner, I'm not sure that I would look at redistricting ten years from now to include only two congressional districts. We have just about the top figures for 3 congressional districts right now and I think things would really radically have to shift for us to redistrict into 3 districts in the year 2000. But in addition to the scenarios that you outlined, I can also see a scenario where you could possibly cut right through Omaha and Lincoln and right through the middle of the state going westward and have two districts that maybe are fairly proportionate in terms of their metropolitan, urban and rural populations. I could also see another scenario where you go horizontally across the state and you have Omaha on one side of the line with a lot of the northern counties in that district. You have Lincoln on the south part with a lot of the southern kinds...southern parts of the state. And, you know, I'm sure there...if we get to that point and we have to face that, drawing two lines, there will be lots of proposals, probably more than we have at this time. My plan, I think, is a good plan but, like Senator Conway, I'm willing to look at other plans. We have had three or four, I guess, other plans submitted to our committee. One of them divided Pierce County very weirdly and kept Gage County divided. Another one took those counties up there of Knox and Dixon and