

probably...the population centers are going to be Grand Island and Hastings and probably York and Beatrice. That's not an uncommon practice area. What would be uncommon is for somebody up in the Knox and Cedar and Dixon County to be practicing down in Gage County or Richardson County down in the southeast part of the State of Nebraska. Besides the practice areas, the geographic areas are the same. My map is closer to the status quo. The numbers do fit all within the deviations. The third page that I have here attached to my handout shows that we're well within the 2 percent range, the numbers fit. We do not split any counties other than we have to split Douglas and Sarpy County and a little bit of Cass which has been done on every other map that you're going to see, whether it's for higher education coordinating commission, or whether it's for the Supreme Court or anything else, that's just done because of the number of people that has to occur. I think that this proposal, my amendment to the amendment is one that will work. It's one that's closer to what's worked in the past. The committee had to come up with a plan. I think the committee dealt with the idea of nesting, in other words, keeping it within congressional districts. Mine keeps more of a status quo...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and one I think that the state would be better served with. I note the committee had some difficult choices to make and the Supreme Court district lines kind of get lost in the shuffle because they're probably not as important as the legislative lines. They're probably not as important as the congressional lines and sometimes just with the press of business the committee has got to draw those lines and at least get a plan out there for us to look at and they've done that. And their plan will work. I just think that mine has more of a community of interest and it keeps the status quo a little closer, taking into consideration the switch in population. With that, I would be happy to answer any questions and I would ask you to advance and support the amendment to the committee amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. I will now recognize Senator Smith, followed by Senator Conway. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the