

body, I rise to support Senator Kristensen's plan. I'm sure that the committee members, at least, are aware of the fact that we didn't spend a lot of time on this division as far as districts is concerned in comparison to other districts that we were looking at in the committee. We just sort of assumed that it would...that there would be a nesting pattern followed with some of the others following into...these falling into the same categories as some of the others and that's why, I think, it was rather drawn that way. But it was brought to my attention by some folks specifically from my own district because of the fact that...and I will just be very parochial here, what's likely to happen here is if you look at your two maps the Kristensen map versus the one that the committee put out, where you have the north-south divisions, what's going to potentially happen here will be that when the next judge comes up for retirement, that's going to be Boslaugh who is in Hastings right now and so then the appointment is going to have to come from somewhere or pro...it will have to come up in the...move upward up into Platte County, in my understanding, and what this does is place five of the six judges across the state in about the fourth eastern part of Nebraska and there is a potential by the plan that Senator Kristensen is providing to us for not only the districts themselves to be more compact but, as he mentioned, the common trade area that those people enjoy and the fact that the judge could potentially be selected from much farther west. Now that does sound very parochial but for those of us that are concerned about the State of Nebraska and the extent that we have as we go westward in Nebraska not to have everything concentrated in the east I think that this might be a good way to go. And so I would very much support Senator Kristensen's plan. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I rise I guess at this point a bit in difference. The committee, as Senator Smith I think aptly pointed out, I don't think has any particular pride and authorship. We worked up the numbers under a nesting pattern which had been the tradition for the Supreme Court judicial districts and there was little or no dissension. We went to the Supreme Court administrator to ask for some guidance and he looked at it and approved what the committee did. And so, like I say, to the best of my knowledge there wasn't any pride and authorship or vested interest one way or another. So I really don't have any problem with Senator