

Kristensen's amendment. If you will notice the statistics, it's not quite as tight as what the committee had but then again it's certainly close enough that that's probably of little or no consequence with respect to finding that balance. So, like I say, I'm...I guess I will probably even support it and as he continues to build a case for it, it gives a better rationale than what I might have relative to the committee's proposal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Kristensen?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Just to quickly summarize for the body as I know there are many other things that are coming up that probably have a greater attention at this point. The proposal that I submit to you, I think, keeps the status quo better. If you look at the second page of of my map, the judicial districts will look a lot like they have in the past, recognizing that you have a shift to the east in population somewhat. When you look at nominating commissions and people who are going to have to make evaluations and selections and recommendations of judges, they are going to know who those people are because they are in a more compact geographic area. The third thing is that the map, as the committee has, takes you from South Dakota to Kansas on three districts and they just really don't have a good common theme between them. I think Senator Conway and Senator Smith on the committee have both adequately and certainly defensively so talked about that much of the time was spent with other more important areas as this does affect just a limited number of people but it is an important thing when it comes to selection of judges to do that. The groups that have looked at this from outside have no problem with this map. They feel comfortable with that. That would constitute my closing and I would give any of my remaining time to Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President and members of the body, I have just seen this map and am still thinking about it about it but like it enough that I think that I am going to support it when it comes to a vote and I would just like to encourage your strong consideration of the Kristensen amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We will now vote