

people in the Rotunda. In fact, I ran against the lobby. Most of them supported my opponent because he was a lobbyist and still is and that's nothing against my opponent but the only point is I ran against the lobby. The voters elected me. The voters elected all of you and keep that in mind as we discuss and as we alter or however we come out today, remember what...I believe it was Winston Churchill who said, the man in...or woman, he should have said, DiAnna, the man or woman in the voting booth with the pencil marking the X, and now we fill in the little computer circle, that's the person that decides elections. That is the person who runs this country of ours and our state. So that's all I wanted to say to you today that I do...I feel this little loss but I feel a gain. When I started looking at the precincts I found all kinds of friends and good people that I've worked with and so let's all try and roll with it and come out feeling like we've done a good job today. And, again, thank you to the Government Committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Madam President and members, I rise, of course, to oppose the proposal that's before us, known as the Senator Bernard-Stevens plan. It makes no sense to me to split up a district like mine or anybody else, including Senator Bernard-Stevens who is pretty much even and divide it up. I am currently working on a map, do not have it for General File, that I think fulfills what we want to do. I know several other senators are working on plans that I just don't feel like we, in rural Nebraska, dare lose any but one rural senator. Senator Hillman, Senator Robak, and a lot of you, all you rural senators out there ought to be concerned about this because this is our future and we need a vote out there. And I would hope that all the rural senators would work together to come up with a plan. Omaha has devised theirs. Lincoln has devised theirs. And I think it's behooving on us to get together and come up with a plan that we all can support and not lose but one rural senator. Senator Withem just said a little bit ago that keep a district who is as even as possible intact, and yet under this plan it splits Madison County three ways. And Senator Conway, I would have a question for you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, sir.