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PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...concerned about representation in the African-American community for African-Americans. Madam Chair, did you tell me I had a minute?

PRESIDENT MOUL: I'm sorry, we did not. We had a change in the presiding officer here and we didn't do it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: For the better, I might add. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Chambers, if you would like my first opening minute to suffice as your final minute, I would so give it to you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I wanted to conclude my remarks...oh, and thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I'm going to support the proposal that was put forth by the Government Committee. A lot of work was done. They spent a lot of time talking to individual senators, at least I know in the Douglas County delegation, much work that was constructive was done and it is not easy work. So I'm going to oppose any plans that are brought forth to bring somebody from some other part of the state to try to represent any part of Douglas County. So if somebody has such a proposal as that, know that you've got one strong opponent right here. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. A couple of thoughts come to mind as I have listened to the preliminary debate on the subject and, quite honestly, I wish that we would have as much debate on some of the other redistricting issues because they are also equally important. But we, obviously, have more of an interest in this particular area. It's been interesting for me to watch things in the paper, things that are said, innuendos that are made about what is the plan? What is the real intention, and so on? And, actually, I want to be honest with the body, there was no plan and literally so. In the very, very beginning of the session it became very clear