

supposed to consider is not the incumbent but what is in the interest of the people whose interests are to be represented. So let's presume that I could win a seat even at large to the Douglas County Board. Redistricting is not to be based on what I, as an individual, Madam President, undoubted charm, intelligence and so forth, but suppose this district would decide to run a nitwit and that is their choice, I would oppose it, if I'm not running at that time but they should be able to put the person of their choice in office. It means nothing to say that I have won elections every time I've won by lopsided margins and that on occasion nobody has run against me. We don't want, in our community, a cult of the individual. We don't want the welfare of that community to rest on any one person. I could go crazy tomorrow which I will just...sorry to disappoint you, Senator Baack, I'm not planning...Senator, this young fellow sitting here, this thin fellow with the pipe hanging out of his head, said I could go sane tomorrow. If I'm doing as well down here as a crazy man, imagine, imagine the trouble you all would be in were I sane. So I will accept it, Senator Conway, I'm as crazy as a bed bug and look how I excel. What are you saying about our colleagues, your colleagues? I'm the only one crazy, your colleagues are sane, like you. But, at any rate, it...the redistricting plan's validity is not based on whether or not I can be elected. There has to be a guarantee of an African-American district. That has to be institutionalized and the method by which redistricting occurs must contain the realization that that African-American district must be maintained intact whether I am the one running or not. I'm not going to be here forever, although I might change my mind on that, but right now it's not my plan. So when I no longer am here...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..and redistricting is considered again, it should be known and taken as a given that the African-American district is going to be retained intact and all these cockamamie notions and attempts to split the vote and have no representation from any district will be, in fact, dismissed out of hand. What the "Repelican" Party wants to do with their drawing of district boundaries is to make sure that when African-Americans vote they, in effect, are voting for nobody because in neither district would they be guaranteed representation of their choice, and the reason I say "their choice" rather than "our choice", because as long as I'm walking