

1,600 population.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR HEFNER: But it's hard, I realize it's hard...

SENATOR WITHEM: This is my time, Senator Hefner. This is my time here.

SENATOR HEFNER: Oh, okay, I'm sorry.

SENATOR WITHEM: So I'll continue on that. Basically said, I've heard Senator Hefner make the argument that his district is the most rural because he does the largest community is Hartington of 1,600. Frankly, this new area in Saunders, Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster I'm sure would rival that when the fact that Ashland, a city of around 2,200, is the largest city in this new district. So, rural folks, you don't lose out by this plan. As a matter of fact, you gain a district that is far more rural than it is under the current situation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, I guess I appreciate all the work that's been done by the committee and by Senator Bernard-Stevens. He put a lot of time in on this, but I just feel like some of the things in this plan doesn't quite fit some of us. I wonder what the average person here would say if they were to wake up and find out that they were going to represent 20,000 new people in their district. Maybe that's a little selfish for me to say that, but I don't...and I appreciate what Senator Withem said about the...it's for the good of the people, and I certainly believe that, but I think maybe along that same line for the good of the people it wouldn't be the best for that district to wake up and find out that they had a new senator representing 20,000 people in an area. I think that's a bit much to ask. I think maybe, in large, this plan isn't all bad for everybody. I think has some good possibilities and some good potential, but I think it does cut one or two of us out that probably we shouldn't be cut out and maybe we can amend it and make it a workable plan after all. But I just think changing a senator's district that has had 6,000 too many people in it, which I had, then dropping it and representing 20,000 new people, I just think that's a bit much to ask and...but I guess I will live with anything that the