

majority of the people here want and, with that, I thank you.

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

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, just carrying this issue a little bit further, urban versus rural, I don't know if there's a clear-cut definition for urban or rural, but personally I feel that the rural areas, most of the rural areas are outside Omaha and Lincoln and, of course, as Grand Island has grown the last 10 or 20 years, why, I know 10 years ago when we were working on the redistricting plan we kind of considered Grand Island as an urban area, too. Now I suppose you could include Norfolk as an urban area, but I think the people in northeast Nebraska don't usually classify it as an urban area because Norfolk is a hub for all of northeast Nebraska and there's a lot of farmers and people from the small towns that go to Norfolk for various services. I just wanted to bring this out. I know that the Government Committee has worked long and hard on this plan and I realize it takes a lot of work, it takes a lot of studying, but hopefully we'll be able to come up with a little better plan where some of these senators will not lose their districts. I think that Madison County is a perfect example for a legislative district. Yes, a little bit of it may have to be removed, but it just about is the right size for a legislative district and so I would think that we'd be able to come up with a plan that would include, could include just Madison County. I would certainly hope that we could devise a plan such as that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this, on these committee amendments? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Conway, closing on the committee amendments?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. The committee amendments, again, as they were offered, were and are the only plan that is complete that meets all of the guidelines, in terms of 49 districts that are contiguous, that we have in front of us. That's not to say that, and I guess I am actually surprised that at the General File level that there have not been some specific amendments drawn to have other concepts, other ideas on the table, although I do know that in overseeing the projects as they came to me that it is a very difficult process to do, to actually have 49 districts. Now there are, I know, are some other coming up on Select File that all of the