

largest deviation is less than 500 people. That's less than one-tenth of one percent or, yes, less than one-tenth of one percent. I passed out party registration numbers this morning and, although we're not supposed to be making our decisions based on party, we're naive if we think that it's at least not a concern. I've compared the Conway amendment 2010 to LB 615, which has a 50.5 percent Republican majority in the First Congressional District. The Schimek plan would be a 49.2 percent Republican majority. Current plan has a 49.8, and the Withem plan maintains a 49.8. I think maybe one of the values of the plan that I'm putting forward is that it maintains the balance of the First District pretty much as it is today in terms of party registration, in terms of strength, north part of the district versus the southern part of the district. Both parts of the district lose counties. It keeps the two counties that were bones of contention, Madison and Saline, both in the First Congressional District, and probably I'll get to the main reason I'm doing this at this point. I don't know if you realize this, but ten years ago, for at least the last ten years and it may be longer than that, the poor folks in Tilden, Nebraska, have had to endure a split in their city. Their city has been partially in the First Congressional District and partially in the Third. We've had brother against brother, mother against son in Tilden, Nebraska, and what this plan does is it reunites Tilden, Nebraska, all together into the same congressional district. To make the numbers balance, there is slight incursion into Madison County of the Third Congressional District. The City of Tilden, which is partially in Antelope County and partially in Madison County, would all then be in the Third Congressional District, so when this passes we could all go to a reunification rally in Tilden where Tilden now will become all within the Third Congressional District. So, with that, I am not, I've given my rationale, my basis for presenting this. It is an alternative. I think in a nonpartisan body, we ought to be looking for those types of alternatives that preserve political balances as they exist as opposed to trying to impact upon those. The Schimek plan impacted on the partisan balance. The Conway plan does also. This preserves the current balance and, for that reason, I'm offering it to you for your consideration. It does not impact upon me. I'm happy with my congressional district as it is currently drawn in the bill and am happy with it in the Withem plan. I'm happy with it in the Schimek plan. I think Senator Robinson's plan was horrendously bad but, other than that, I'm basically happy. Would urge you to support this plan.