

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on the amendment by Senator Withem. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I alluded a little bit to this plan which was proposed in thought several days ago. I support the Withem plan. I think you'll find that, in looking at it, it does do what we talked about the other day. It doesn't impact one area and one area of the state only. It shifts two counties on both ends. The population shift is almost the same insofar as numbers of people that are shifted from the southern border and the northern border of the state. If you're interested in the R's and D's, that particular balance, according to the printout, is as nearly identical to the current makeup of the First District as what is possible to do, so I think that, as a compromise between the Schimek plan and the other plan, that this is a reasonable compromise. It addresses both the Madison County and Saline County situation that caused a lot of controversy depending on which of the plans you were talking about. Reasonable compromise. Don't see any reason why it wouldn't work. I support the Withem plan.

SENATOR WARNER PRESIDING

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in support of the Withem plan for all the reasons that Ron Withem and Senator Coordsen have mentioned. and I would like to call to your attention the fact that I have filed a couple of my own amendments. I don't happen to think that either of those plans is quite as attractive as the Withem plan, but I offered them to you so that you would know there are any number of kinds of plans that we could come up with, and I have several others that I didn't file. I guess I have to say at this point that I agree. I think that if we can take a little bit from the north and take a little bit from the southern part of the district, that probably is a fairer way to go, so I would just encourage your support of the Withem amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Tilden plan. My unabiding interest in Tilden has always