

been deep and moving, so I certainly don't want Tilden to, any longer, be split in any kind of redistricting plan. Senator Withem, I think, has done an excellent job in pulling together a plan that I think treats the districts fairly. Certainly in our situation as I spoke on this issue the other day, I really felt put upon that Gage County, in the southeast part of the state, was becoming an area of convenience to split, and I want to thank Senator Withem for the hours and the time that he spent in relationship to this plan and I certainly will be supporting it.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I know Senator Withem is...has done a lot of work on this plan, as I know a lot of these plans take a lot of work, but I rise to oppose that because it would affect one county, I believe in northeast Nebraska, as I see it. These counties up in northeast Nebraska have for a long time been in the First District and I certainly would like to keep them there. And I realize that he's done a lot of work and research on this, but I believe that the Conway plan that we adopted the other day is the best way to go, and so I would urge you to oppose the Withem amendment and stick with the plan that we originally adopted when this bill was on General File. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I rise also to support the Withem plan. I did support the Conway plan also, but I think this is probably a little bit better plan and it's a plan that will not be vetoed. I think if you look at the other plan it would probably have been vetoed because the Governor made the statement he would not stand for any county being cut in half and Gage County was. So I think if we want to have a plan that will be approved, this is a plan that will work and, with that, I would support the plan. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I am going to stand to support the Ron Withem plan. I think it's not only a fair plan, it's a good compromise. In committee, we had the two plans, one the Schimek plan and one the Conway plan, and we all know that the argument centered around Madison County and Saline County. What Ron has done, and in fact he mentioned in