

committee that he would like to draw a compromise plan, which I would have supported at that time but it wasn't ready yet, and so I'm real pleased now. In looking at the three maps I even think that it almost even looks better than the others, the other two plans that were originally submitted. I think it does, DiAnna. So, Ron, you're going to...your...I think your plan is good and I'm going to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in opposition to the Withem plan. As I presented the plan the other day and we went through some of the arguments, the, in committee, as Senator Smith pointed out, the argument was basically Madison and Saline from a...and that focus was particularly because of the registration with respect to Republicans and Democrats, and that's why the focus of that particular argument. Where I object to Senator Withem's plan in this regard is, again, as a person who's representing up on the northeast corner, the loss of Knox and Pierce County where there is a great deal of a community of interest in that whole area. I also think that the extent to which the counties that are all contiguous with the Missouri River is also very important. There's a great deal of federal policy that comes down with respect to the Missouri River and the Missouri River Basin, the basin states and many of the activities, and I think that to take one section out of there, which particularly is a very crucial section to all of the river questions and the water questions that are out there, and that being where the Niobrara River joins with the Missouri River, right in Knox County, and we have had lots of development and work in there and yet it's such a small aspect of that total Third Congressional District in terms of the needs and the wants and the desires of the people there with respect to federal policy, I firmly believe that Knox County should be left intact with. Pierce county, again, is maybe not as crucial and my argument is Knox in this case, but, by the same extent, it is part of that community of interest with Norfolk. Pierce County obviously sees Norfolk as their center of activity, although I think from a pure business section consideration I don't think business and retailing communities are as much a community of interest on any federal aspect in terms of a person in the House of Representatives as are natural resources. Waterways and these kinds of things I think are much more crucial towards defining what constitutes a community of interest. But, primarily, the Knox County's