

So where are we at if that happens? Well, we have nothing. We have to come back in perhaps special session to address that issue. That isn't any attractive opportunity at all for any of us and so, in my view, rather than having us face that, let's try and work something out here and let's try and be reasonable. Let's not try and take advantage of the numbers that we have in the body and ram something through. Let's try and recognize various viewpoints and come to some compromise on this because certainly this plan as it's now constituted is not a compromise, is not reasonable, and ought not to be advanced.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Wesely took the words right out of my mouth. I would ask us to reason together. Let's think about this over the weekend. It is not going to affect the process if we come back on Monday and look at some options or even reconsider what we've done here this morning. I would just ask for your serious consideration of...for not moving this bill this morning. I do think that Senator Wesely has indicated that there are some...there are some possibilities that we could be putting ourself in a mess. I'm not sure whether that would ever develop or not, but why can't we sit down and come up with a compromise? It's not...I would prefer, I would honestly prefer my plan, but I can understand where those in the northern part of the state would object to it. I understand that perfectly well. Knox County and Pierce County probably wouldn't be too happy to be the target of the Withem plan, so to speak, today, but then neither are all of those counties in the southeast part of the state and particularly Gage County, which under this plan is split right down the middle. We don't have to do that, ladies and gentlemen. There are lots of other options out there. The Withem plan was very fair. It doesn't change the party registration. It equally divides the burden between the north and the south. Of course, Senator Hefner, nobody wants to be moved from one district to the other. I mean, you're used to what has been; you don't want to move. But at least this more or less equalizes the burden, so I would just encourage you to follow the Wesely suggestion and not vote for advancement today. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do