

Lincoln which should comport with any plan that's adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Robak, Dierks and Rogers.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Robak.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Elmer. AM2155, Senator. (See page 2721 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Preparing one of these plans I can see how the Government Committee had to struggle and work and really put a lot of effort into coming up with a fair, reasonable type of a redistricting that meets the plus or minus two percent and tries to meet the best interests of the state and the best interests of the body representing those people. During various conversations, Senator Smith had suggested when you put something together why don't you start by drawing yourself out. And in the interests of some continuity of geo-political area and areas of mutual interests in southwest Nebraska, it appeared to me that that purpose could be best well served by drawing myself out. By doing so and progressing through the redistricting of the rest of the state, it appeared that we could maintain a continuity in the districts as they now exist and traditionally the main group of people who are within those districts would remain within them. The district that has to be moved for the population purposes would be District 39 to the new district in Omaha. District 39, being an odd-numbered district, would be...the election for it would fall upon the same time that this bill becomes a new law. In doing so, the district that I represent would move away from where I now reside: would become essentially Dawson, Gosper and Phelps Counties. Phelps County is currently within the 38th District. I have worked very closely with the citizens of all three counties and they know me. The Constitution of Nebraska provides for this kind of a circumstance in saying, in Section 3, Article VII, that if a district, when it's being...is removed from a senator by redistricting, then that senator would continue to represent that district number until the end of his term. As you look at the map that I've colored for you and passed out, you can see that the communities of interest are left intact. We do not have to move more than one district and