

that meets the needs of the people in the state. There are people that don't like it; there are people that do like it, but I think our best avenue at this time is to continue on with that plan. It has had a public hearing. It has had the opportunity for the people in the state to react to it. These other plans that are coming in, the ink is still dry (sic) on them and I know they didn't have any alternative other than that but that, unfortunately, is a strike against them; that we do need a...the public has had an opportunity to respond to and get their input into the committee amendment. LB 614, as drafted, I think with all of its warts and all of the problems it has, it's still the best option before us and that's the one I am planning to continue to support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the body, I would like to address this map as it affects my area of the state. This map leaves communities of interest in better condition than the Senator Bernard-Stevens' map in the fact that there is a much better common interest between the cities of McCook and Imperial and the cities of Holdrege, Cozad, Gothenburg and Lexington. It also helps District 36, puts District 37 back closer to the way it was. I would say this about Senator Elmer representing those three county areas. I have had considerable meetings in the past month. I think it's been pretty common knowledge that the District 39 was going to be moved. The reaction I've had in District 39, the old District 39, is that under the circumstances anything is going to be disruptive but they would be very open to the fact that Senator Elmer could represent them for two years. And, in any fact, they're going to have a new senator for two years under any scenario and they will not be able to elect a senator from their geographical boundaries until 1994 under any scenario. And there has not been an election in that area since 19...I believe 1988. So they will go six years without an election under any scenario. I support this map as it affects my area of the state. It does not leave me with a district to run in 1992. That I expect. But it does make a lot cleaner districts, a lot more compact districts for that area of the state and, for that reason, I'd urge you to consider this proposition. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Nelson.