

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, I guess all of us look at the map and see what's best for our district and how would we be affected, so I'm no different than anyone else. My district is pretty much concentrated for the City of Grand Island, but I do have close to 3,000 people to lose and the districts around me need to gain some, so I accept that and with no problem. But I do like Senator Owen Elmer's map better than the one that we discussed the other day and for this reason I will tell you the people that live east of Grand Island, what we call Keister's (phonetic) Lake, have been in the Kearney District for a number of years and, not that it's that many miles around time or so on, but they have felt completely left out in representation in the Legislature, so I can tell you who gets their calls and so on and so forth. That I don't mind in the least. On the north side of town, Senator Rogers has had a couple of precincts up there. His map, this would bring the Senator Rogers down almost to all of west of Grand Island, west of Highway 281. I think that's a good arrangement and since it's somewhat of a concentrated area and part urban and part rural. The part that I like over it much better than what...or two parts, Senator Rod Johnson, or District 34, would take that east part of Grand Island that I'm talking about and it would join the rest of the district in Hamilton, Merrick and Polk County. I know senators change, but those folks are familiar with Senator Johnson and so on and I think feel much closer because it adjoins Merrick and Hamilton County. And then the other change that I very much appreciate and I know satisfies the residents of Hall County a lot more is District 33 needs to expand. Incidentally, I don't know how District 33, Senator Smith, got 300 and some more and I come up 290-some short, but we'll talk about that some other time on the original proposal. But anyhow, when you take Doniphan, or we talk south of the river, those people feel close to Adams County. They all go in to the Doniphan School District, the school district crosses county lines, and feel a part of Adams County, as well as Hall County. The map that we had the other day since District 33 up close to the ordnance plant, way up in the north part of Hall County, people just feel that that's not satisfactory and they look at it as if, "geemanie," we have enough problems within the area and I'll guarantee you we do and then here we are, we're moving a senator right up to take the bulk of the geographic part of Hall County, and not that it's going to make a tremendous difference at all, but I think that the Owen Elmer map satisfies all of those concerns much better than the original map or proposal that we had. And Senator Smith and