

Senator Johnson and I, and I know Senator Rogers, we all concur in this and District 36 would remain as it has. So for that reason, my own selfish reasons and so on, I am supporting Senator Owen Elmer's because I know it satisfies the central part or south central, whatever it is, or the God's country part of Nebraska much better.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I think Senator Elmer has done a lot of work, and several other members have also. This is a plan, I guess, that I can accept. If you look at the northeast area, it's basically the same area that I serve right now and it would not have to do away with another district in that area. There's a lot of plans out there and of all of the plans I guess this is probably as good as any of them, but I think that we need to look at each one of our districts and how we can keep the most senators that we currently have and so, with that, I will support the Owen Elmer amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Peterson, followed by Senators Bernard-Stevens, Smith, Elmer, Cudaback, Hefner, and Robinson. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Madam President and members, I, too, rise to support the Owen Elmer plan. I know, sitting back here by Senator Elmer, he has been really crunching numbers, although my office has too and we are just now getting down, probably before noon, our plan which will have...some will like and some won't. I guess you could say I'm very selfish. Like everybody else, you don't like to see your district split up, and that's what's happened in the Senator Bernard-Stevens plan. It splits Madison County up, I thought two ways until I find out and talk to committee members and that in the bill it splits it up three ways, and that is, you know, very disturbing to me. Madison County has grown and will continue to grow for the last ten years and in that behalf I find it much more disturbing that you take a county that's growing and has almost perfect balance and, by the way, Senator Withem, if you're listening in those, I have no problem with Tilden, although, you know, you never like to see it split up, but the town is divided, about 60 percent, maybe 55 percent in my district and the rest in Senator Dierks' district. And...but I'm willing to concede that. I have a