

Elmer's correct that his technique does not violate the law. The spirit of the Constitution was that we wanted to, whenever...well, not whenever, wherever, in all cases have people being responsible directly to the people they represent, and Senator Elmer's plan, quite honestly, does not do that and I think that's a serious problem, particularly when there's a plan out there that does not do that. Quite honestly, I had considered Senator Elmer's proposal in regard to shifting of numbers early on and it was rejected because of that argument. I would hate to be in a district, even though I may like the senator, but if I disagree, maybe it's an abortion issue, maybe it's a tax issue, maybe it's another issue of ag. land valuation or something that divides the county, I would hate to be in a county of which I knew in the final analysis I did not have the voter counter-pressure to the representation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is a violation of the spirit of the Constitution and beyond that point Senator Elmer's plan would be good, but I think that's a very serious problem, at least for me.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, although I have had no problem with the Bernard-Stevens map, and I can certainly live with any of these maps because they haven't impacted drastically on my district, when I look at the Owen Elmer map several things are very clear to me. One of them is that I think that this map more nearly satisfies rural district, as far as the compositions. It's very compact. I like the looks of the map. The lines are very clean. It allows...the other thing that I think it did was, even though we didn't have time in committee to do this, it did allow, after the fact, the other one was out on the floor, but it did allow rural senators to spend some time working together to come up with more of a consensus on what they'd like to see in Greater Nebraska, or whatever you want to call it. I know that it will probably make an inconvenience on the new District 33 on the east side of Nebraska, but the rest of us, though, will have to make some adjustments too in serving different new areas in our districts, and many of the folks that we have in our districts will be...we will be new to them. So I don't think you can make