

all of the citizens of the state than the one currently that is LB 614. I'd ask for your adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Cudaback, followed by Senators Hefner, Will, Conway, Withem, Schrock, Labeledz and Peterson. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, I guess first of all I'd just like to say that Senator Bernard-Stevens, he presented his plan first and we have to give him credit for this. We didn't have our plan ready so the committee had put his plan out first for later to look at the rest of the plans that might be submitted, so I do give Senator Bernard-Stevens credit for getting his out and going ahead with it first. But I do appreciate what Senator Ron Withem said when he said that we are not in this for us alone; we're in it for the people of Nebraska, and that's exactly what we should look at first. I'd like to have the people and the senators here know that within my area of 50-mile radius, those people will be getting approximately, those 65,000 people will be getting a new senator. That's within a 50-mile radius. That's 65,000 people will be getting a new senator in my territory alone. Now, I don't know how it affects everybody else, but to my notion that's quite a few people. I think the senators know here that the people elect their representatives. Their representatives are not appointed by us. They're elected and we got to keep this in mind. Sixty-five thousand people is a lot of people to affect in a 50-mile radius. People do not forget this. We have to keep this in mind. I'd just like to say that let's keep the people in mind. Let's do the plan that's best for everyone, not that's best for any one senator. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members, we have a tough decision here this morning and I'm sure that we're not going to please everybody, and I realize that the Government Committee has done a tremendous amount of work. We found that out ten years ago when I was chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. But, in the end, I'm sure it will work out. As I look at Senator Owen Elmer's map here, I think that's a real good map. I also supported the other plan. I think that was Senator Bernard-Stevens' plan and I know both of these senators and the Government Committee did a lot of work on these. But as I look to Senator Owen Elmer's plan I think this would be better