

think it's a drastic change. If there's some minor changes that need to be made, that could be accommodated between now and Final Reading. It does not change Senator Bernard-Stevens'. It still basically gives Senator Lamb Sandhill area. Carson Rogers has to move up into Rock County a little bit. What it does do, it does take those two shoestring districts in the southwestern part of the state and consolidates them a little better. It is the same as Senator Owen Elmer said this morning. He would still represent the Dawson County area until 1994. I have worked that out with him. I think the people in the district are comfortable with that. Unfortunate that it would have to be done that way, but I think it would maintain the geographic integrity of the districts. One of the crimes of Senator Bernard-Stevens' map, and it wasn't done intentional, I'm sure, is that it gives District 36 20,000 new voters. He moves to an area, that senator moves to an area he is not well known in. He was a county commissioner in a county that he was elected in for 11 years. Here's a man who ran a campaign, defeated three candidates, one of them an incumbent, and we're asking him to take 20,000 new constituents. What's happening to me on this plan or any other plan that's being presented is fair. What's happening to District 36, ladies and gentlemen, is not fair. One of the reasons for this plan is to try to rectify that situation. District 37 would remain somewhat intact, although he would pick up about 6,500 more people in the City of Kearney, and I think that's quite agreeable with him. I don't have any high hopes for changing any plans we have at this time, but the committee told me if you can come up with a plan that only affects your area of the state and that most of the people in that area will buy on to then say go for it, and so I have done this. And like I said earlier, I wanted Senator Dierks to run his plan first 'cause his is a statewide plan. This is a modification of nine districts. And I urge you to seriously consider this because I think it makes a lot more sense for the geographic areas in southcentral and southwestern Nebraska. I'd be happy to answer any questions. There's a full-blown map on the south side. The numbers have all been crunched. It's been through the computer. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Elmer.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, I would just stand to make a comment in support of what