

Senator Schrock has done in this map. This map does not impact...it retains the Bernard-Stevens plan that was put out of the committee over to what actually becomes the western half of Nebraska, but which only impacts on about nine or ten senators, because there was some concern in the committee, and Senator Schrock addressed this in the committee the concern that he had particularly about cutting up districts where you had your population centers in those western districts and trying to retain those for the benefit of the people in those districts. And we told him at that time if you can work within the framework of the Bernard-Stevens map and work with those nine or ten senators out there and try to come up with a consensus among yourselves and satisfy the concerns that you had with the Bernard-Stevens map for that area, that's something that we would certainly want to address on the floor. And I think that Senator Schrock has done a...has gone far beyond the call of duty in this area because what he's done is cut himself out of the map because of his concern about retaining that district that he...Dawson County for the people that live there which he now serves, and also of his concern for Senator Cudaback in particular because of the new population that he would be serving. So this makes no difference as far as I'm concerned. My district is not addressed. This is exactly what it was on the Bernard-Stevens plan. What we're talking about now here is taking a part of the Bernard-Stevens plan and saying, okay, western Nebraska, if you guys have worked this out among yourselves, and gals, to your satisfaction, we're going to let you deal with this. You know, one of the things that we did not do in the committee, we did not, and we have not mentioned this on the floor today, the rural senators did not get involved in the way Douglas County, Sarpy County, and Lancaster County wanted to divide their districts. We let them work that out. We have not tried to tamper with them in any way. We retained that section of the map in every one of these instances out there where we're allowing these western senators to try to work something out and I think that, in all fairness, those people that represent the areas that are not being impacted, and mine is one of them here, ought to give them a chance at a shot of saying, let us try to find something that's satisfactory for us out here. It does impact on a larger segment of Nebraska, but it's still their legislative district and it's their people, just like you people in your part of the state have addressed your concerns and your needs among yourselves. And I will support Senator Schrock in this effort just because of that reason. I'm going to vote for this. It's another opportunity