

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you. This amendment is brought to you as a request for a substitution over what was previously on the desk and came down from bill drafters. We or bill drafting, as they were diligently working along on this project from time to time would find minor errors and so what this amendment is, it happens to be a "multi-pager" of 55 pages, but what it includes is many spot...many places that the bill drafter and other people found as we were trying to write the technical language that would follow the map. In some cases, there would be an accidental transposition of a line that was following saying "west" when it should have said "east", or whatever, and so as we've gone through and proofed what this really is, is a product of the proofing of that original language. In order to have the language ready the other day, it was sent down. The bill drafting wasn't even really quite complete with it when it was time to file and move forward to meet with the process, so what you've got is 54 pages that I would welcome anyone to view and deal with. They are all technical in nature with respect to the language that was used to describe the map. I think most of us, as we look at our districts, we're looking very closely at maps and at the statistics and, from time to time, have not looked as closely as maybe we should to converting those maps into the specific statutory language that was necessary to put into the statutes for the completion. One of the things I would also ask all of you to do relative to whatever map, whatever districting under this LB 614 for Legislature gets passed today, if one does get passed today, I would invite you all, in fact I guess beg all of you, to, if nothing else, if you don't read through all of the language of each district, please read through the language of your own district--no one knows that better than you--and to make sure that whatever that language reads as you track around it is what you have perceived it to be on the map and looking for any kind of errors that might be in there. We're going to do that as well with technical staff, but you will probably spot errors quicker than we will and you may be able to save us a lot of work as we're doing that as well. So I would invite each one of you to at least walk through your own. I know many of you have and that's what some of these technical amendments already are, is things that you've spotted. Hopefully we've got them all at this point, but we'll be doing one more check before it's printed for Final Reading. In many cases I sure there will be nothing more than E & R amendments if we find some technical adjustment that needs to be done. But I do wish all of you will do that relative to whatever map is there and I know some of you haven't done it because you don't