

Elmer amendment based on that principle.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Nelson and Smith.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President, members of the body, this is a legitimate attempt to consolidate two districts that do not look very nice right now. The community of interest between Holdrege and Grant, Imperial, Benkelman practically nil. Community of interest in south-central Nebraska under the new maps look quite good and southwest Nebraska looks very good. And, like Senator Elmer said, there's not going to be a senator elected from that area until 1994 regardless and, to me, it makes a lot of sense geographic. It just makes a lot of sense and I would urge the body to adopt this plan. It still does not leave me with a district. I understand that. I am not trying to draw a district here lately with me in it. I've resigned to that fact. But this really leaves a couple of nice districts out there and it will make it much easier for the senators involved to serve those districts in the future. This is a ten-year plan, not a two-year plan, and I think the people in that area of the state deserve some consideration.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: (inaudible).

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, and thank you, Madam President. You know, if we leave some of these districts like they're drawn, we're going to have some people out there with some petitions. They're going to be carrying them around and saying, we need to have a system like they have over in Iowa. The commission comes in, sets up the districts, and that's it; we don't have to worry about who's going to vote for who; we don't have to worry about it. You know, is this little area politically fit for me? Is this area something that I want to represent or is there something about those people that I don't have any desire to have? What we're doing here is pure political strategy, pure political. We're not serving our people very well drawing districts like this. All I've been trying to do all day is put something together that we won't have so many people out there unhappy with what the Legislature's doing with our districts. Senator Haberman, would you answer a question for me?