

There isn't any controlling interest in any part of the area due to it goes clear over to Gosper County, so I would like to tell this body that I would like to ask your support for the Dierks amendment and for those other senators who have a problem with what it does to their district, I would like to suggest we try to work something out; that we do have a plan where western Nebraska I think finally would agree to a plan and if we could work out the problem with those other senators in eastern Nebraska I'd say we have the job done and we've done a good job. So, therefore, I would like to ask you to support the Dierks' amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Madam President and colleagues, as most of you have noticed, this morning when it came to legislative redistricting most of the amendments that were up applied to areas other than my end of the state. I refrain from voting. I passed on most of the issues because, as Senator Smith said, there was kind of a quasi-agreement that her district could work out their problems and come back with a consensus and we would too. Interestingly enough, we had a consensus. Now here comes an amendment that comes into my district, comes into Senator Pirsch's district, and comes into Senator Ashford's district, and interestingly enough I haven't seen it yet, verbally I know what it does, and as there are people who resent some of the comments that were made I kind of resent going into my district after we've reached agreement among ourselves. I haven't interfered with any of the other districts in the rural area, so leave ours alone.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chizek. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I want to acknowledge it's Senator Dierks' sincere desire to make some positive changes in the present redistricting plan for the Legislature, but, as a Lancaster County senator I would object strongly to the proposal to have not two senators come in to take off the excess amount of population in Lancaster County, but four. We originally had hoped, obviously, to have the fact that we have 20,000 additional residents in excess of the amount required to maintain our six legislative districts, we'd hoped to use that 20,000-some people to have the good portion, two-thirds, of a new legislative district and there were plans drawn to do that but, unfortunately, they didn't fit with the