

early. And I would hope that you would oppose this amendment for, among other reasons, that it violates that principle. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Cudaback, followed by Senators Haberman, Hefner, Withem and Peterson. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members of the body, I, like Senator Dierks, I've been shuffled from the west to the east, to the north, to the south, and I agree with Senator Dierks when he says he will represent the people wherever he goes. I think I will do a good job wherever I go. I think we must think we'll be doing a good job or why are we're here? I mean this is the purpose we're here--to represent the people. So I guess if I...if you tell me to go west, I'll go west; if you tell me to go north, I'll go north. But I believe in Senator Dierks. He has looked at this map. He has looked at the districts. He thinks they're fair the way he has them drawn up and I just wish you could look at them one more time and give it a little more consideration. If there's one man I have learned to respect here it's Senator Dierks, not that I haven't learned to respect everybody. I was told when I left Kearney, Nebraska, that I might not enjoy my reign here or my stay here, my four years, but I've learned to respect everybody here while looking out for our people. So I just would like for you to look one more time and see if you can support it. If you can't, why, let's do what's best for Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam, excuse me, Madam President and members, I rise to support this amendment. I know that Senator Dierks and his staff and Senator Conway's staff has worked hard on this and the bill drafters have. We've just gotten it down here, but this looks like a reasonable plan to me. I realize that my district will be changed a little but I'm willing to go along with that and I think we need to take an overall look when we're redistricting these legislative districts. So if you can feel that you can support it, I certainly would encourage you to so that we could adopt this amendment and then advance the bill early this afternoon. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Peterson.