

out of the 1st District, my plan leaves Madison County in the 1st District. Those areas seem to be the biggest areas of contention. It does move Knox and Pierce, and Senator Hefner will still have opposition to that happening, I understand that, and moves those two counties into the 3rd District. It moves four more in Jefferson, and I'm sure Senator Coordsen would rather those two counties would not move. It's an attempt at a compromise. The numbers, as far as what disruption of party registration, it leaves party registration basically as it is. It fits within the guidelines. It follows county lines with the one minor exception of Tilden, Nebraska, is all in the 3rd District now. That community was split before so I think it works as far as maintaining a community of interest. I really have not much more to add to it other than I think if we don't do something like this, we are running the risk of having this congressional plan thrown back to us and we will then be in a position of having to either override the veto or either go into a special session, have this on a special session agenda, or perhaps even not have our new congressional district lines drawn in time for the next congressional election. I think it's a fair plan. I think it more accurately maintains the integrity of the 1st District and the 3rd District as they are now drawn and I'm not going to say anything more on it, just give you another change to act on it. If other people have comments to make, they should make them.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, I rise to one more time support the Withem amendment. I think it's a fair compromise. I've just given you a little bit of the history about what happened in the committee. We had a plan that was submitted by Senator Conway, we had a plan that was submitted by Senator Schimek, and both of them had parts of each other's plan that were not acceptable. There was a vote and at that time Senator Withem talked about the fact that maybe what he would do is come up with a compromise and I would have been very pleased if he could have had that done at that time because I would have definitely have voted for that plan out of committee because I think what this one does, and based on what we heard on the floor particularly when we talked...one side talks about the plan that leaves Madison County in as a Republican plan, the plan that leaves Saline County and those counties down below as a Democrat plan. What I think Senator