

having it distributed. Probably the effect of that will be the 27 votes I had...

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SENATOR WITHEM: ...plans that I've seen so far because I think it tends to maintain the integrity of the 1st District. Takes away some folks from the south and some folks from the north and so, for that reason, I think it's a fair plan and would urge you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. The house is under call. I will recognize Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in opposition to the attachment of the Withem amendment, the same as I did when it was offered on Select File. There's several reasons and I'll go through a few, but I should allude to the fact that there's a bit of confusion on the floor and that there's another map being passed around. If you look up in the corner, it says "GAC 17" on it. That is an alternative plan that I discussed with the Governor. What we had advanced to Final Reading previously he's alluded to in the press and also with discussions with him this afternoon that he may veto such a plan by virtue of the fact that he is rather obsessed with keeping Gage County as a whole county and, by virtue of that, I made an offer to him this afternoon that I would offer an alternative that would keep Gage whole. What that would do is break up Knox County, which is currently in the 3rd Congressional District. I said I would offer that as an alternative. I don't know how the body will respond to it but that is an alternative to try to stave off a veto. It seems a little bit ironic in that we have a very difficult problem with breaking up Gage County but don't seem to have any problem breaking up Knox County. I suspect the fact that there's 22,000 people in Knox County and they're bringing...or, excuse me, in Gage County and they can bring a whole lot more pressure on the Governor than can 9,000 up in Knox County. So if you're going to break a county, pick on one of the little ones. From what I've seen going on though, there doesn't seem to be a great deal of concurrence with the people on the floor and a little bit of confusion. What you were voting on a little bit ago in terms of returning to Select was Senator Withem's plan, which was offered on Select. Under that plan, what you do is you take Knox County, Pierce County and a portion of Madison County and put it