

in the 3rd Congressional District and it goes back to my original argument. I think that's taking far too much of the population base out of the northern tiers and concentrating too much of the population base down in the southern tiers of the counties. I was willing to concede, to offer, to try to stave off a veto, a portion of Knox County because we're only talking about 5,000 people out of the northern tier that would be transposed out into the 3rd Congressional District rather than a much larger number in terms of the Knox, Pierce, part of Madison base, which is considerably more people than that, that shifted out of the northern tiers and into the western side. So I offer that. You can see it's got a squiggly line, that has a great deal to do with trying to find the exact population that the Governor requested off the northern tiers to replace that of southern Gage County. But what we've got is a proposal and I will offer this amendment for the body, the one that's...the map that you have in front of you and the language you're also seeing being passed out that's a short paragraph describing what that would do. It was my understanding this afternoon that if I would replace or to reunite Gage County and put those 5,000 people in that southern tier of Gage County back in the 1st Congressional District, find 5,000 out of the northern tiers, that the Governor would sign such a piece of legislation should we send it to his desk, and he alluded to the fact that if we did not reunite Gage County that he would probably veto the plan. Now, under the theory that some people have and I've held out for a long time is that I don't think the Governor wants to veto a plan and call a special session over a partisan measure. I think he's betting on the come that there's a special session pending anyway and so, therefore, he wouldn't have to take the hit for calling a special session for a partisan measure. Again, I think that's a rough bet, but I, personally, and I haven't shared this with any of my colleagues who supported me and supported the plans in previous steps along the way as to whether they concur, I guess we'll see that on the board as we vote on it, but this was an alternative I have offered him rather than him vetoing the congressional plan that we offer. But I urge you not to support the Withem plan and look to the alternative and if you don't like that, we still have the original plan that we sent to Final from Select the other day.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Moore, Wesely, and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I'm