

sorry that I was confused because we was talking about the Withem amendment and here the map came and I didn't...I know that Senator Conway's a professor, but I couldn't hardly read his initials here. I see it is GAC, number 17, so, okay. I guess we need to give you a lesson in penmanship, Senator Conway. But getting back to the amendment that we are now, I would oppose this because what this does is put Knox and Pierce County in the 3rd District and put a couple counties in southeastern Nebraska in the 1st District. I supported Conway's amendment the other day and I thought that that was about right. I didn't count the Rs and Ds in those, but I didn't think we was supposed to do that. I thought we was just supposed to try to redistrict as best we saw fit and that's what I voted on, but I, at this time, I'd certainly oppose the Withem amendment and hope that you could too. As to the Governor calling a special session, I can't go along with that. I think it would be very foolish to spend \$50,000 just to call a special session because the lines weren't drawn exactly as he liked them, and it isn't the Governor that does the redistricting. That's a job of the Legislature. That's a job of the Legislature to draw the redistricting plans. And so I would encourage you to oppose the Withem amendment.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I rise to oppose Senator Withem's amendment, as I have consistently throughout this whole debate. It's one of those things where, as usually this...it's, obviously, different, I guess. Usually, this time of year we're always sitting here making policy and decisions under the veiled threat of a Governor's veto. Obviously, when it comes to this particular issue once every ten years, it's a little different because this is not the typical debate we have about that, but it's still a reason to be concerned but I guess it's still one of those things where I am certainly of the attitude this Legislature needs to make a decision and I guess you can...I think Senator Byars said the other day if people want to point partisan fingers either direction, the vote on that would lead once again to show you that the Democratic members of the body have a better party whip than the Republican members of the body, I guess since the Republican members or...there are some Republicans voting different whereas the Democrats vote in one solid block. And so if you want to point partisan...point partisan fingers, that's something to keep in mind, I guess. Senator Conway has mentioned he has tried to