

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, we have a request for a machine vote. All those in favor of the motion to readvance please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 20 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 615.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 615 is readvanced.

CLERK: Madam President, I have a motion to return the bill for a specific amendment. Senator Conway would move to return the bill. (See AM2294 as found on pages 2810-11 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. The motion to return is directed at the map that we've been talking about that was in front of you, contrary or different than the map that you didn't have in front of you and were voting on relative to Senator Withem's amendment. It was adopted on a 26 vote count, although I still think that the alternative that I offer you I probably never should have visited the Governor this afternoon and even suggested that I deviate from what we originally had. I have a feeling that I got duped and it will be the last time that will happen. Well, it probably won't be. (Laughter.) It will be one of those I remember, let's put it that way. What I was able to do and I think what the body helped me with the other day was a situation wherein I was willing to compromise very early on. Every compromise I brought to the committee did not advance. We advanced the DiAnna Schimek plan out of committee. Then that was amended on General File and that particular amendment that I offered held all the way through Select. Through some idle threats by the Governor with respect to vetoing, and if you'll also go back and look at what the Governor suggested was that he didn't want to split up any counties. That was his whole premise. I saw it in the paper time after time, I don't want to split up any counties, and as I was speaking with him today he suggested that he wanted to reinstate Gage. And as I suggested how might he reinstate Gage County or reunite Gage County, he had little or no suggestion other than the fact that...but when I offered to break up some other county he seemed to be very quick to go for that. Now I don't know what kind of signals he's sending to his friends, but the bottom line is I agreed to deviate from my