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three-quarters to a one-quarter situation all wrapped around Lancaster County. So to...I would appreciate if you'd support the plan and not sell the entire 1st Congressional District to Lancaster County.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. The speaking order now is Senator Wesely, Hefner, Smith, and Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I hope we can be very brief, Madam President. I think, again, we struck upon the compromise that people can, I think, live with, with the Withem amendment. Let's be honest what we're talking about here. Essentially, Madison County is absolutely essential to the Republican perspective in terms of wanting to maintain it in the 1st District, just as strongly is felt from the other side, the Democrats, that Saline County remain in the 1st District. What you did with the Withem amendment is you accommodated both. You maintain Saline in the 1st District and Madison in the 1st District. There are other accommodations. The county lines are maintained, with the exception of Tilden, which was an attempt to keep that city together. It is an acceptable plan to the Governor and we will be done with the issue. Should we adopt the Conway amendment, you face a veto, you face special session work on this. There's...you return to the issue and I don't know what the Governor told Senator Conway, but I know what I understand the situation being that if the Conway amendment is adopted, it will be vetoed, in my estimation. So I don't know what the situation is in terms of the exchange there. All I can say is that the compromise that people seem to be comfortable with was the Withem compromise. We have done that. I appreciate it. I think others appreciate it. It's, obviously, not the Schimek plan that many of us wanted, but it certainly isn't as bad as many of us felt the Conway plan was before. Senator Conway is attempting to be more accommodating, but the fundamental point, the fundamental concerns still remain. You still have a problem. You still have, I think, a veto and let's just be done with it. We're running out of time and let's go forward onto other issues as we watch the clock run down.

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

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, it looks like I'm in a no-win situation here and I hardly know what to do, but, Senator Conway, do the good guys live north of the