

slight hesitation. One of the things that the courts do look at, of course, is the one-person/one-vote principle, but some of the cases have been flexible when there are other criteria involved and I just wanted to quote to you from the Karcher v. Daggett case that took place because of a problem in New Jersey over reapportionment in 1981. And I'm not going to go into the details of the case, nor am I going to tell you all of the conclusions of the case, but Justice White did say in that case it is plainly unrealistic to assume that a smaller numerical disparity will always produce a fairer districting plan. And I guess what I would say to you at this point, if maintaining county boundaries is a goal, and I think it's a good goal, then I think that would be, and could be, and I'm no attorney, could be, let's say, defensible in court. It's all a matter, Senator Peterson, I guess whether maintaining Tilden as a unit is more important than maintaining the county lines, and I have to assume, since you're telling us that from the aspect of the people in Tilden and Madison County, it would be better to keep the county intact and so I am willing to support you on that move if that's your feeling on it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, and I was looking at Senator Conway's plan. You know, he got all upset when I wanted to take a little of Sarpy County away and put Burt and Washington County in there. Isn't that funny? And he draws a line right through Knox County. Can you believe that he would turn around and do that to me after he chastised me on the floor? I can't believe it. And Senator Withem, where's he at? He called my plan horrendous. Now take a look at his plan. Take a look at it. There's no symmetry to it, there's no beauty to it, there's nothing to it. I'm like Senator Hefner. I think both plans are lousy. Thank you.

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

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, Senator Robinson, I agree with you. You're a hundred percent correct. Both plans are lousy, but to make it just a little bit better we ought to support Senator Peterson. I think it's more important to have all of a county in than just part of it. Also, with Tilden, and I know it would be good to have all of Tilden in one district, but I don't think we ought to cut a city right down the middle, or I think we do...we should cut it right