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else than that. Given the present makeup of the body in the 4th District, for example, where there are 12...third, 12; second, 13; and the first 12, under the present makeup, the Speaker not being able to serve on any committee and with the two members, Senator Hillman and Bernard-Stevens who are on the Appropriations Committee, that leaves nine people from that caucus to be distributed to all of the other committees. Under the 3rd District, with Senator Lowell Johnson, who I hope is feeling better by now, he's at...I understand he's at home here in Lincoln, Senator Robinson and Senator Moore on the committee, Senator Moore being the Chairman, with those 12 people in that caucus, they have nine people to select from for all of the other committee responsibilities. Under the 1st District, with Senator Wehrbein and Senator Crosby serving on the Appropriations Committee, they will have ten people to choose from for all of the other caucuses, and then there is that 2nd District with that odd person that gets stuck with whatever is left. With Senator Ashford and I serving on the Appropriations Committee, we have 11 people, 11 people to choose from for all of the other committee responsibilities. Laugh about it if you want to but it's not funny to me. It's an intentional effort, you all know that, to protect your own hides at the expense of whoever else might be out there and we're out there. Now if you don't think that has lasting effects then you don't understand politics either. A deal was attempted, Senator Beutler did suggest it, if we would go along with four, he would take the odd person and their caucus, and I thought that was pretty generous. But that still would not have changed much of anything. The dye is cast. But just so you all understand in your hearts that the recommendation of the committee was for the purpose of satisfying the principle of the one-person, one-vote rule in everything we did, the way we reorganized city councils, county boards, school districts, state legislative districts and congressional, but I guess in the case of our own organization it just doesn't apply.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Does anyone else wish to speak to the Beutler amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No closing, Madam President. Would ask Senator Robinson if he wanted to have part of the closing. Senator Robinson, did you have an interest in speaking at this point? Okay, no closing, Madam President. Thank you.