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SENATOR PETERSON: But your new formed district is where you're going to move.

SENATOR ABBODD: A...hopefully.

SENATOR PETERSON: And the sooner the better, is that why you would like to see the bill pass?

SENATOR ABBODD: Well, not necessarily. I'm planning on staying in the district, but it doesn't...whether this bill passes or doesn't pass, it's not going to have any impact on me.

SENATOR PETERSON: Okay. I rise to oppose this bill, and in view of the district court challenge to 614, which would hold that bill and its redistricting plan unconstitutional, I see no reason, at this time, to rush toward implementing this provision. At best it is premature. And for the voters of Madison County, which I represent, and Dawson-Phelps County, which is represented by Senator Schrock, the rush to have us represent counties and voters hundreds of miles away adds insult to injury. There is no reason why we shouldn't be allowed to complete our legislative session representing the voters who voted us into office, rather than forcing us to represent voters with whom we have no community of interest. If anything, LB 946 points out even more clearly that the reasons why 614 is unconstitutional. I just say why the rush. Let the courts...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR PETERSON: ...time to deliberate this matter, and I agree with Senator Warner, I think we need an Attorney General's Opinion. I don't think this is...I just...is right, and I ask for your not to advance the bill today.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Lynch, you're next.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: That won't be necessary, yours is the last light on, Senator Lynch. Senator Coordsen, do you wish to close on the advancement of LB 946?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the