

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Take it up.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We will take it up then. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: I rise to...I see no need for this bill in no way, shape, or form. What this really does is throw Senator Schrock and I and...immediately, if it's passed and signed, into a new district that...120 miles from my place that I have no concept of the people, don't know very many in that area. They don't know me, to represent just a short period of time. If something comes up I would be representing them. We go into a special session or anything, I'd be their senator, and I might have a lot of conflicts in that area. I think it's an unfair bill. I don't think it's needed. I have asked Senator Ashford several times why he took it as his priority bill, and he says well he don't know. That was the response I got from him. It will be interesting to see if he speaks on it this morning. When we had it before on the floor he didn't even speak in behalf. I guess you should put Senator Schrock and I in the position we are, not needed. Why should we be representing those areas? So, I would just...I know I would prefer representing my district the rest of the time I'm in, as of January...in the January 1st area. So, I ask for it's indefinite postpone, and see what comments I get.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Rise in opposition to the kill motion. This bill addresses a rather confusing situation in the minds of many people. I would direct your attention to the articles in the paper last week where there were some people that thought they were filing in one legislative district, found in fact that they had filed in a district other than that in which they lived. To the best of my knowledge, all of the other redistricting plans that we have to do in the State of Nebraska, whether it's congressional districts, Supreme Court, board of regents, State Board of Education, all of these take effect at the normal time, 90 days after adjournment. It was so stated in those bills. There is somewhat of a conflict in language, though not I believe, a conflict in intent between the language of the Constitution and the language that is currently in statute. The intent of 946 is to mirror the intent of the Constitution in