

statute, and provide a system that was readily understandable, in which all of the redistricting programs would be affected. Senator Peterson addressed the issue of moving of districts. It's fairly clear, careful reading, what the Constitution requires. We, at Senator Warner's request, did receive...asked for and received an Attorney General's Opinion dated February 28, 1992, that, among other things, quotes from the floor debate on the time when...when this constitutional amendment was being proposed, back in 1966. And another Senator Peterson said, quote, all right, then the second question is on the committee amendments you say, in the law providing for such redistricting shall be when necessary, specify the newly established district which they shall represent for the...for the balance of their term. And then the Attorney General has underlined Senator Peterson's comments here, by the way this is not Senator Richard Peterson. The people can actually be voting for certain senators in certain districts, and the Legislature, by this, can subsequently thereto specify another part of the state that this senator who continues over...who continues over actually will be representing. Is that the way you understand it? And the reply from Senator Warner is, that would be my understanding. There's a lot of misunderstanding, and it has not been an issue up until this time. But it came about, in going through the redistricting statutes, it appeared to me and several others that it might be the optimum time to clean up our statutes, to more accurately reflect the intent of the Constitution, the intent of the people who proposed the constitutional language, so that when the next redistricting comes around, ten years from now, or nine years from now, that the language be clear and explicit as to what happens at the time of a legislative redistricting. So, I would oppose the indefinite postponement motion and would move that the bill be advanced on Select File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senators Ashford and Robinson.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President. I rise to support the indefinitely postponed. I think that the bill is probably needed some time. It's going to have to be passed something like this before we have our next redistricting. But at this time this bill is not needed. All you're going to do is cause some hardship on some senators that it doesn't have to happen, it doesn't have to happen this year. I'm not saying it doesn't have to happen some time, but it doesn't have to happen