

an amendment added creating two districts. The primary purpose of that was to force this body into action this year. There were judges that testified before the Judiciary Committee last year. They would study the issue over the interim and bring back a plan to this body for redistricting. There have been plans submitted, in my opinion, half-heartedly. The committee conducted hearings last year in an outstate location. We heard testimony that there is inadequate figures to make intelligent decisions. Interestingly enough the same kinds of studies have already been undertaken by Joe Steele's office and proposals submitted. But yet again there's another group who wants to study. The Bar Association formed a committee to make a decision. There were 16 members on the committee. Over 50 percent of the attorneys in the State of Nebraska reside between probably Lincoln and Omaha. Out of the 16 members of this committee, if I remember correctly, 4 were from Omaha, 2 were from Lincoln. What kind of a decision did you expect? Did you expect a decision to come to this body and say, yes, if we're going to get a hold of government in 1992, we must get a hold of this issue, or we will never get a hold of an issue. Now this is my last year. I will tell you, colleagues, this is an issue that is not going to go away. This is an issue, in my opinion, when Senator Beutler, our colleague, ran for...resigned this body and ran for Governor of this state it was such a sore issue in portions of this state that the same body, that wants to study, actively campaigned against him on one issue, this issue. They don't want change. It's the good old boy syndrome. I recognize Senator Wickersham has had problems. I've told him I understand the distance problem. But it simply is unfair, it is unequitable. And when the people that put the present point system together will tell you that it's the only thing they could sell outside of Lincoln, and Omaha, and North Platte, and Kearney, and Lexington, what does that tell you. Is it a fair system? I worked for about a week and a half to try and find a compromise,...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHIZEK: ...tried not to take the time that this body so importantly needs on any number of issues, have not been successful. As late as the middle of last week, Senator Wickersham, Senator Beutler, and myself had meetings in the lounge trying to arrive at a compromise. We pretty well came down to one area where there was disagreement. Senator Beutler gave some, Senator Wickersham gave some, but the bar, the bar