

CLERK: Madam President, your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, whose Chair is Senator Conway, to whom was referred LB 7 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File with committee amendments attached. I might add, Madam President, that copies of the amendments, as offered by Government Committee, are being distributed to the members right now. In addition, I have a confirmation hearing report from Government Committee, signed by Senator Conway; and a notice of hearing for confirmation hearings by the Government Committee, also signed by Senator Conway. (See pages 89-90 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, LB 7. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on July 31 of this year, referred to Government Committee for a public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File this morning. I do have committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. The Government Committee, as most of you are aware and have been able to follow to the best of your ability what has been in front of this committee with respect to the attempt to look at a way to reconcile the difficulty associated with the northeast Nebraska corner, if you will, that came down from the court case that was decided in the Supreme Court a short time ago. The committee had several bills introduced, as many of you are aware. Of those bills they basically fit into about four different categories, several ideas, I should say five categories. One was a statewide plan where some people said, why don't we go back and look at the whole state. I think in light of the court case the committee, from a majority perspective, decided that this was not the time to revisit the entire state. I'm of the opinion that given a 40-person vote count for LB 614, and having that type of majority early on, that if there was a statewide redistricting process, would probably boil out almost like 614 is now, because there was a great deal of satisfaction on the part of most members what the statewide plan looks like. It is just a couple of pockets of concern and "disgruntlement". As we were going through LB 614 and working through that process, it came to the committee's attention, from a mathematical, statistical perspective, that if you look at the so called northeast Nebraska and you've got maps