

of the participants or the people closely involved in this northeast Nebraska question. So, what will happen? We will pass something, the candidates from the 19th District who are going to be without a district will file a suit. And when they file suit they will argue two different matters. They will first argue the northeast map, specifically. And they will say there are other versions that cut across fewer county lines and, unsaid, keep us in our district, and that's what should have been adopted. And just in case the court doesn't like the localization of the argument, they'll make a second argument. The second argument they will make is that the whole plan is unconstitutional because it cuts across too many county lines. And they'll argue that because the likely configurations that you come up with, should you be forced to follow statewide the elevated county line theory, is a plan that once again keeps those candidates in a 19th District, up there in the northeast part of the state. So if you think the question is not going to be called,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...I think you're dead wrong. The question is going to be called, it's going to be called immediately. So what do you do? Do you just let it happen, if you want to let it happen, and then redistrict statewide? Under the current Constitution you can do that, you can do that. It will force a configuration that will change most of your districts. If you don't want to do that, there is one way of possibly preserving the situation and that is to change the Constitution, which needs changing, especially the way it's been interpreted, so that when the question is called and if we do have to redistrict, timing will probably be such that we could redistrict under new constitutional provisions that would be, one, tougher; two, more rational; three, more flexible; and, four, I think if you think about it, will satisfy most of you in here in terms of what should be done, what you would like to see done. I think that's a better way to go than to just let things...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...happen and let the court take control once again.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek,