

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Schimek.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Thank you, I'll yield some back to you when I get the green light again. The other reason that I have real questions about doing anything this year is because of my concern, and I'm sure the concern of a lot of members of this body, I know it was a concern of many com...committee members, that we will be disrupting the election process for some candidates. And this is particularly true in District 19, where you have two candidates who were certified and who will no longer have a district in which to run this year. There is some argument or some discussion about whether that certification is a property right. They may have good standing in court, who knows, nobody knows what this particular court will do. The other side of that coin is even in the districts in which there still will be candidates, if we allow, if those districts lines have changed, for instance, in District 17, those lines will change if this plan is adopted. And it is my understanding then that we would have to allow people to petition onto the ballot for a general election, that according to the petition bill, that we passed out of committee yesterday, all of the candidates would have to petition onto the ballot. Well, we're not talking about a very long time frame in which to elect, hold elections for these candidates. And these candidates won't even know, until next week, what the boundaries are. They won't even know if they're living in the district or they're not living in the district. I don't really think that's fair to the candidates who may be running, I don't think it's fair to the candidates who have run, and I think it's very unsettling for the public. If we would wait until next year, we're not going to disrupt any election processes, and we will be able to have a better understanding of what the court was trying to tell us. I suspect, my own inclination is that they are talking about county lines when the population fits the ideal district, as applying just to Madison and Lincoln County. If not, why didn't they tell us more? Why didn't they take it one step further? But you'll hear other people argue on the other side of the question. I would also say that even though I supported the committee amendments, if you look at the map of the bill that we're discussing now, it doesn't really look very good. I mean, I don't know how that's an improvement over dividing Madison County. Cuming County turns out to be divided four ways. You can't see all that because some of this map is white, but Cuming County is divided four ways. Dixon County is divided, as is