

secondary only to the requirement for as much equity in population, as close to zero deviance as what it is possible to have. I think it's a reasonable assumption to make that the body of the Legislature would have been better served to have considered redrawing all of the State of Nebraska simply from the standpoint that to find even one legislative district to be unconstitutional necessarily has a potential for impacting all of the other 48 districts. We don't know, with any degree of certainty, what the court, in fact, did say. But if they set the standard of practicability, in some future case, as being that plan, which in the redistricting process contains the most whole counties, as being the most practicable, the Legislature will have that option of drawing the legislative district, taking fundamentally out of their hands, and it would be simply a mechanical process, a mathematical process of being constitutionally bound to accept, to put in place that plan that contained the most whole counties. I do not know if the court, in fact, had that in mind when they issued the Madison County case. I mentioned that this morning only for the purposes of thoughtful consideration of what we might do should we be placed under that burden at some time in the future. I cannot convince myself that to confine the solution to the Madison County situation, only to northeast Nebraska, is going to be ultimately successful in putting to rest any controversy relative to the state plan for the total legislative redistricting of the State of Nebraska. Having said that, Mr. Chairman, I quite probably will support LB 7, certainly on General File this morning, but I do so with a great deal of reluctance. I am not at all pleased with having to move a district that has accomplished a primary, that has candidates in that have exercised their rights and ran for election and been successful, and been certified for the general election this fall. However, we have a burden that is of not our making and one that we must find some solution to, any solution, any solution will bring some degree of pain and suffering to one or more individuals in the State of Nebraska. It's not an easy choice. We may not make the right choice, but...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...we must choose. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schimek, you're next.