

Sheridan County has two precincts that are separated from the rest of the county, they contain the City of Gordon. I've had telephone calls from that area, they do not want that county divided. They don't particularly care whether it goes to the west or to the east, but they don't want it divided. And I think that's one thing that a lot of people from the cities don't understand, that county lines mean a lot to the people in outstate Nebraska. I believe in Omaha and Lincoln county lines are not nearly as important to the people, because they, for the most part, live within one county, operate within that county. But when you get in outstate Nebraska the focus of the county is toward the county seat. And when you start splitting that county then you split the community of interest. And so county lines are very important to the people out there. I believe that we have to have the redistricting plan which preserves as many county lines as possible, and that we are not going to arrive at a consensus on any plan that does that this session and further complicated by the fact that the primary has already passed. So I firmly believe that at this point we should just wait and let the Legislature do it next year. I realize you won't have me here to guide you along, but I think you can handle it all by yourself. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: It will be difficult, Senator Lamb, but we'll try. Thank you, Senator Lamb. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Confirmation reports from the Health and Human Services Committee and from Natural Resources Committee, signed by the respective Chairs. Received two reports from the Department of Environmental Control. Those will be on file in the Clerk's Office. (See pages 87-88 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Byars, would you like to recess us until one-thirty.

SENATOR BYARS: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we recess until one-thirty this afternoon.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to recess. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. We are recessed until one-thirty.