

there will be some probably, and the talk is here on the floor this morning that eventually you're going to have to redo the whole state. So what I'm asking, why in the world let's go ahead and adopt Owen Elmer's plan that does the whole state, follows 77 county lines which I think should be followed. I think it's ridiculous to split counties, especially up in rural areas because of the NRDs and all those other factors. Just like to fill you in a little bit on what happened on LB 614. I caught it in...when the bill was introduced and it had it split three ways. And as I told you before, it said Platte County and that part of Madison County, including the town of Newman Grove. Well, I did get that changed, but it was so erratic about that, that was, as far as I found it, it was never discussed in Government Committee. Some of the members never even talked about that. Also what's erratic about the whole situation is the plan that was, map that was submitted really showed 37th Street, Norfolk, as the dividing line. On the east side of 37th Street, it was Senator Schellpeper's; on the left was Senator Dierks'. Lo and behold, the last of June a map slips out that says that isn't it. The map, I have it right here, it's got Norfolk gobbly-gooked up like a jigsaw puzzle like the rest of the state. That is ridiculous what's going on in here. It never happened 11 years ago. Why should it happen today? Let's get down to the bottom of this and let's straighten this mess out. It is a mess that people out there, that even the newspapers are making a joke of the Legislature and rightfully so. I support Owen Elmer's plan. I'm going to support this amendment that the committee sent out, very reluctantly, because I think we deserve our senator. But you are going to be faced with a number of lawsuits and rightfully so and I think they will win. I said the courts were going to decide in our favor if they read the Constitution the way I read it. A country boy going through the twelfth grade, I can still read the Constitution. It seems like some of the more learned in here didn't pay attention to the Constitution. And I've listened to this debate with great interest and particularly those who argue that action by this body can wait till next year and that, but I don't think we can. I think we're going to have to do something and whatever we're going to do is louse it up again...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR PETERSON: ...with some more lawsuits. And the only bill that Government Committee saw fit to report out was the one that we're dealing with right now with modifications. So given