

that opportunity, I'm going to have to support it for right now, not because it's the best plan because it clearly is not. But the best plan so far is Senator Owen Elmer's. And you hear people in here talking about deep in their heart they know it but they don't want to do anything. So why don't we do that, get it over with and go on with other things because, based on the recent Supreme Court case on redistricting, I am of the opinion that the court will eventually strike down the whole thing. If that's what it's going to take, fine. But with that, I will not say anything...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR PETERSON: ...for a little bit more. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Mr. Clerk, amendments to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Hefner would move to amend the committee amendments. (See pages 89-90 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I offer this amendment in good faith. It's an amendment to the committee amendment. What it does is redraws four districts up in northeast Nebraska and it puts number 18 into Stanton County. And it's true that Senator Schellpeper, if this plan is adopted, he would represent Madison County for two years. And I realize this isn't going to solve the whole redistricting problem. What I would like to see us do is do nothing right now and then after the election redistrict the whole state again. I think that's a more common sense approach and I believe that any plan that's adopted just for northeast Nebraska will be challenged in some court cases. Let me just talk a little bit about this. This is originally LB 10 that Senator Lowell Johnson and I presented to the committee the other day. This would leave the two candidates that I talked about earlier in the day, De Carlson and Gus Pick, it would leave them in District 19 so we would not be interrupting the election process which I think is a very sacred process and needs to be preserved. Also, it would leave Senator Conway in 17 to run against his opponent up there so we wouldn't be disturbing that. I feel that we need to keep the election process going. We're about half way through it. We've