

had the primary elections and we'll have the general election later on this fall. But if you take the time, just compare the committee amendment plan and my amendment here. I think you'll find that we follow more county lines. We tried to make it look a lot better than the committee's plan. So I think that's very important. I believe that this is the better of the two plans. I know that Senator Schellpeper may not like this plan, but I believe it's a more workable plan. Senator Peterson talked about the credibility of the Legislature. I know I have many constituents up in northeast Nebraska that feel that our credibility down here has really waned in the last couple of years. And sometimes I guess I'd have to agree with them. I also passed out a population summary report. And in this particular plan that I'm offering to you as an amendment to the committee amendment, in District 17 we'd have a population of 32,846 and that's a deviation of 634 people or a little more than 2 percent. District 18 would be a plus 1.38 percent. District 19 with 32,127; and, by the way, I did pass this out to you. It should be on your desk. District 19, 32,127, minus 85 people or minus .26. And District 40 which is Senator "Cap" Dierks', 32,736 which is a plus 1.63. So we are in proper guidelines for this. I brought this amendment to you so that we would be able to discuss this a little more thoroughly. It puts an even district in Madison County and it leaves the two candidates that were successful in the primary, it leaves them intact in District 19. It also leaves District 17 intact so those two candidates would also go through the general election. And so if you have any questions, I'd try to answer them for you.

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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. Without a doubt I do not favor this plan. I think if there's any plan that is unconstitutional, it would be this plan. I would be residing in Stanton County and voting for senators in District 19 and also I would be representing the people in Madison County, District 18. And I think when you get to the one person, one vote, when you talk about being constitutional, there's no way this plan could be constitutional. There was a gentleman from Cedar County the other day said if I was a good honest citizen, I would move to Madison County, and maybe that's what I'll have to do. But I don't plan to move to Madison