

County at this time. But a plan like this is unconstitutional I think before you ever start because I would be voting in a district with Stanton County for district 19 and yet I'm serving in a different district. So I don't see how that can possibly work. Stanton County would be voting on the candidates this fall that they had nothing to do with before. And the district, my term still has two years to run so I don't see how this can be...that this plan can really work. I think it's...the Government Committee had this plan the other day. They discussed it and I think they also agreed, hopefully, that this plan just cannot work. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, would rise in opposition to this amendment. The plan that I introduced to the committee was LB 11 that followed these lines pretty closely, but the major difference was that we had District 19 in Madison County and District 18 where District 19 is on Senator Hefner's amendment here. And I have to agree with Senator Schellpeper that this plan would clearly raise the ire of the constitutional people because you can't...you would have Senator Schellpeper voting in a district for someone running for the Legislature and yet representing another district himself. I think that that would be clearly unconstitutional. So I can't support this amendment and I hope that you won't either.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I sense a lack of will at least among the body to at least face the issue or at least want to face the issue or vote on the issue, particularly looking at the number of members that are actually here and those that really wish to speak or get involved in an area of the state that they don't particularly have any reason to do so. Consequently, I didn't particularly want to speak on any of these particular proposals since I'm not in the northeast as well; but I think we need to have at least some argument pro and con so I'll put some other arguments out there at least for the body to consider. Senator Schellpeper raises a constitutional question on the proposal by Senator Hefner. And, indeed, Senator Beutler earlier today raised a constitutional question on all of them. There is not a proposal that we're going to talk about that's not going to have a constitutional question. And I suspect we're all smart enough