

that we go by. All districts, all senators,...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...all areas are open for merging or expansion or what have you. No one is spared, with the exception I guess if we do redistricting in an even district and the Supreme Court has spared mine which is, to quote Senator Peterson, ridiculous. So consequently, what I'd like to point out is that if we're going to make a decision on constitutionality, let's don't rise up the big red herrings and say this one's unconstitutional or cause unconstitutional problems. They're all going to have constitutional problems. A senator residing in a district and voting for another one is not against the law at this point, is not unconstitutional. We are, in fact, doing it now. We've done it in the past. However, I would put the caveat if the question were put before this particular court, who knows what they would do. And I'll talk a little bit later about the concept of whether it's constitutional or not, but at least the concept of the least disruptive...

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and define that just a little bit further when time permits.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise as well in opposition to LB 10 being the substitute proposal for what the committee has put out and we're addressing now as committee amendments to LB 7. I do this for several reasons but in terms of framing the question specifically that continues, and I mentioned this to the press and the media has carried it almost extensively in some aspect of each writing that they've had on this issue, but it really boils down to this basic even or odd question. Do you establish Madison County, which I think the entire body recognizes that Madison County will be established as a specific district, that, yes, we will establish that. Then the question is, do we name it even or odd? We all know that if we name it an odd district, they will have an election this year as I believe what the court prescribed. If we make it an even-numbered district, they will not have an election this year which I think is contrary to what the court