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SENATOR WARNER: Motion fails. Are there further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Seeing no further lights, Senator Conway, do you wish to close on the adoption of the committee amendments? The call is raised. But we'll probably be voting fairly soon, appreciate it if you did not get too far away. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. In closing on the committee amendments, the committee amendments by virtue of the process and the way it's designed become the bill, if you will, LB 7, as configured by the committee and forwarded to this body. The maps again are in front of you. Many of the discussions that we've had relative to whether it be the inclusion of LB 10 as Senator Hefner offered or whether it's in front of you put us into a real difficult situation. And many of the philosophical concerns that are being expressed are very valid, and I respect the body for going through this particular anguishing experience because the bottom line is there is no negotiated settlement where we can give a satisfaction level to all parties involved. It's almost we either go this way or we go that. We either denounce the ability for what the candidates that were in District 19 to continue because if you make that District 18, there will not be an election for 2 years. On the other hand, if you make Madison County District 18, they will not have an election for 2 years. The question that one has to I think address without question is where does that fit into your philosophical view of this particular process? If you make Madison County an even number and you make it 18 as was suggested in the last bill, in essence, you're voting just as we had to go through with Senator Schrock and Senator Peterson earlier. We have eliminated those particular individuals from being in the body, because by the time they return to the district of their residence, elections will have already passed and it will be four years before they will be in a position to serve again. And so that is part of the difficulty that we go through. In this situation what we basically are doing by following this map, making Madison County an odd number, is giving them the opportunity to have a vote this fall as some of us believe is what the court said. The court said that they won and Senator Hefner is correct, they did not put a date on it. I