

want McCook in a certain legislative district because it will dominate that district. The past three senators who have represented the City of McCook have not come from the City of McCook. The City of McCook has had more Governors than it has had senators. And so I don't think that should be a consideration or a concern. If we change the districts the way Senator Owen Elmer and I have proposed, you will make the constituency in that part of the state very happy. Nobody sees any sense to what we have here. I don't want to be critical of LB 614 and I don't want to be sour grapes, but I do think we should change this because it is painless, it is simple, it is easy, it draws community of interest better. Gosper and Phelps County are part of the Tri-Basin NRD. They share the same county agent. There's a lot of community of interest there. We do have to split Furnas County, but I would tell you the largest city in Furnas County, Cambridge, is very close to McCook, feels a very great bond there with Red Willow County as far as community of interest. You go to the other cities in Furnas County, you have Arapahoe and Oxford and Beaver City, some of those gravitate towards Holdrege, some of those are really out there in the middle of nowhere that really don't know which way to go. Beaver City, the county seat, is the fourth largest town in the county. So the county seat is really not the focal point of the county. A lot of good people in Furnas County, but I don't think they know which city dominates their county. They really don't have one that does. And so unlike a lot of counties, they really don't have a focal point. It is not that far from Holdrege to Superior, 90 miles, the two largest counties in the district. So I would hope you would give this your best consideration. I'll try not to take too much of your time because I don't think it's an issue that needs to take a lot of time. It just makes good common sense. If you'll follow logic, why, we should have no problem with this. I thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, we're here due to the call of the Legislature to have a special session to solve the problem in Madison County. The proclamation reads "legislation to correct unconstitutional provisions of law 1991, LB 614, pursuant to Day v. Nelson. Day v. Nelson did not mention southwest Nebraska. Day v. Nelson is strictly Madison County and I would ask the Chair to rule that LB 15 is not within the call.