

SENATOR SCHIMEK: If you look at the Hefner plan, it disrupts far fewer elections. It doesn't disrupt the elections in District 17, for instance; it doesn't do away with the two candidates who were given certificates of election in District 19. I just think that we need to stop and look and listen and weigh all these different arguments. I don't want this...I don't want this thing to be done because we need to get out of here by Wednesday. I think it is a far more serious matter than that, and I would urge the body to look carefully at the Hefner amendment. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Moore, you are next.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, as I sat up here this morning, Senator Coordsen came up, with that inquisitive, pensive look that I had, and asked me what was bothering me, and I said I don't know what to do. And he says, well, do what is right. That's always easier said than done, we all know that. And this particular issue reminded me of the weekend before this body voted on Senator Byars' contested election, a couple of years ago. It is one of those things, do you do what you want to do, or do you do what you think at least is right, even though that may not be the "funnest" thing to do. I guess after a good deal of thought, and certainly not because...I know some people have said, well, who has talked to you about this? Nobody talked to me over the weekend about this at all. But it is just one of those things, you look at these two maps, you have to go back to what makes the most sense, what is the simplest, and which is the one that works. And LB 7, in its present form, even though I'd like to do that for a variety of reasons because I think it confines things to northeast Nebraska and has the consensus at least of the majority, I still don't...you look at that and you look at some of the boundaries and the counties, and I think it just doesn't work. You look at Senator Hefner's map and I certainly, in no way, shape, or form, relish the thought of robbing a good friend and fellow colleague, Senator Schellpeper, of a district, if I had the choice of robbing some other district, I would prefer it was somebody not in the Legislature, but, nevertheless, I have a real moral problem with this body changing the rules in the middle of the stream in a primary election. I just...in this case, maybe you could justify it, but it is just one of those things that what would prevent us in the future, when you set a