

then we will talk about whether we should have or have not an election this year in Madison County. So I want to emphasize the qualification at least in my support of this amendment. One of the things I mentioned to the Government Committee in their hearings is that, really, the Legislature has two decisions that it needed to make. The first decision we have not yet in our hearts decided yet, and that is, do we need to do anything this year or not? Do we need to do something or can we wait until next year? Now I don't care what people on the body said that they read into the court's decision, district court's decision, but I have it here in front of me, and let me read, at least for the record, and for those that have not taken time to read it, let me read what the district court said when we asked them to clarify the Supreme Court's decision. It said, it is, therefore, ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the court that Section 5-219 and 5-241 of LB 614 violate Article III, Section 5 of our Constitution of the State of Nebraska, and the defendants E. Benjamin Nelson, Governor of the State, Allen J. Beermann, Secretary of State, State of Nebraska, and State of Nebraska are hereby enjoined from enforcing said Section 5-219 and 5-241. Those two sections are enjoined. Now you look at those two sections in LB 614 and you ask what were in those two sections, and only those two sections were talked about by the district court. They did not say all LB 614 is unconstitutional. They said those two sections, and when you go back to LB 614 and reread those sections, they are the sections that are District 40 and District 18 only. Only those two districts or sections, or districts in this matter, were unconstitutional. The theory goes on to say as following, what did the court actually then say? The court said that those two districts, 40 and 18, are unconstitutional and obviously need to be fixed. It did not say anywhere in the document, nowhere in the document does it say Madison County deserves to have an election right now. It simply says that 18 and 40, we have got to make that change. Eighteen and 40 are two even numbers. There is no election at this particular time. So there is no problem on the election process, and I might remind the senators the court has been very clear as to who in the final analysis has the right to decide who sits. So if Madison County would go and we did nothing, for example, Madison County says, no, no, no, the court said we need to do something and there is a question by January of who should sit, we, the Legislature have the sole authority as to who sits in the body representing districts. And we can do that next year, no question about it, no question about it. Now if we are going to do something, this is the second part we