

bill here. So I will be watching and listening here but my final decision is going to be on how it is going to affect Madison County because I still feel we need a senator from there. I will relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Coordsen.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen, you have three minutes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Only, I hadn't intend to speak on this at all this morning, but there was some comments made relative to the impact of the Supreme Court decision that has rendered or declared the lines of 18 and 40, as drawn in the bill, LB 614, to be unconstitutional. If we were to confine our discussion only to those two districts that are declared to be unconstitutional, and also followed the mandate of giving Madison County their own district, we would address then only the 18th and the 40th District, which becomes a practical impossibility because those areas in there are not contiguous, and that if you move either the 18th or the 40th to Madison County without affecting adjoining districts, there would be a lack of contact between the two portions of that legislative district. That is, quite frankly, blatantly unconstitutional, that our districts must be in one area; one area meaning that they are not separated in two individual pieces. So only to address that particular area of that, we cannot solve this problem without impacting some other legislative district, whatever that number may be. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Bohlke, do you wish to address the amendment?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. Speaker, members, actually Senator Bernard-Stevens took the words, and the words, and the words, and the words, and the words, and the words out of my mouth, but, anyway. I was going to address the fact that in committee the configuration of the map that came out did concern me, and that if we look at it, I think it is plain that this is much cleaner. Originally I think the three senators from the northeast had a map that was cleaner and looked better and it was very late in the process that the new river city/towns were added on, and that was of concern to me and some of the other configurations that were done. So I rise to support Senator Withem's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Withem, do