

for you if you will yield. The other day you talked on the floor about compactness, simplicity, and gerrymandering. Would you care to restate those statements again, Senator.

SENATOR CONWAY: You are going to have to clarify your question because I don't remember talking about compactness or simplicity or those specifically, so you need to put it in context and then I will answer it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I thought you said something about gerrymandering, that...

SENATOR CONWAY: I think Senator Robinson mentioned gerrymandering and was tying it to my name.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, okay, thank you. And then when you speak next, I would like to see in that Supreme Court decision the time that we had to get this done. I don't believe...but anyway, and so this is about all I have to say. I would, if this amendment is adopted, well, then I will probably offer another amendment to change the numbers back to my original amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Schimek, on the amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, I have a number of disparate thoughts running through my head this morning. I put my light on originally to ask Senator Withem if he was going to support his own amendment. I, subsequently, think I got the general picture that he was going to support his own amendment from the remarks that he said in his second speech on the floor. A second thing I need to clarify and that is I guess I am trying to be nonpartisan in my thinking here this morning to the extent that I said on the floor here that I was both a registered Republican and a registered Democrat. Next thing I know Senator Chambers is going to be accusing me of being a "Republicrat" but I just probably better make it clear I am a registered Democrat but, again, I think this is not a partisan issue. I am glad that Senator Beutler got up and spoke about the constitutional amendment. I hope that the Government Committee will put that constitutional amendment out on the floor today so that we can have a discussion. There are many unanswered questions, not only the community interest question, and the county line question, but I think to some degree an