

it out and all of a sudden, lo and behold, what happens? You get a compact...a more compact looking district but you now have divided more counties, Cuming County four ways. You have changed the 17th District. You have taken half of Wayne County, put it elsewhere. It is just like LB 614. What Senator...and by the way, this was what the part that the court said you can't do, and those of Senator Peterson and Senator Schellpeper said was one of the worst things about LB 614. In fact, Senator Dierks was asked, what the problem is? He says the worst gerrymandering he had ever seen in his life. Of course, this was the first redistricting he'd ever seen but, nonetheless, that was the worst he'd ever seen, and Senator Schellpeper says, I agree. And what now do we have? The same thing. What Senator Hefner has before us basically says, come on, if we are going to do something this session, and that is a big "if" in my book, I am not sure if I am going to vote to do anything this session, but if we do something this session, do we want to have the squiggly lines not following county boundaries as the court suggests, in fact demands that we do, or not. Senator Hefner's plan basically says the following, if you look at his particular plan, it says, number one, you do not have to have any disruption on the election process in District 17 with Hefner's amendment because not one person is changed in District 17, not one. Senator Hefner's plan also says you don't have to worry about the petition process in Madison County because they will have an election two years from now, so the due process and all of that potential confusion is done away with, with the Hefner amendment. We do change District 19. So, in essence, you are going to have a petition process, with Senator Hefner's bill, that actually affects only District 19. That's the only district that will have a petition process with this amendment. If the amendment is defeated, now you are going to have a petition process with 17. You are also going to have one with District 19, which will be Madison County, and you are also not going to be able to follow county lines as much as possible. Let me give you an idea of what happens if this amendment is not agreed to. In my judgment, and, again, it is just mine, if this amendment is not agreed to and we go ahead and pass LB 7 as the committee amended it, we have a lawsuit that will be filed, not by Madison County, in this case, but by, I assume, both of the certificate of election holders in District 19, and what will their argument say? Their argument will take the same arguments that Madison County used, and they are going to say not anything about certificate of elections, whether that is a property right, that won't be the argument. The argument will be the