

a way that it did minimal impact on the geography of the other districts around it. We have now learned from the court that, and the other thing we may reiterate is that the court's ruling, as almost anyone has read it, basically is a process by which we don't know anything other than the fact that if a county within its boundaries has a perfect population base, as was identified in the court, and the court even identified Lincoln County in the North Platte area as another one like Madison County, as an example, the only other county in the state that had the exact population within its boundaries, that then it should be left intact. That was the only thing they said in that court ruling, and, therefore, we are speculating to take it beyond that point. But as we introduced that, LB 7 I introduced as a plan saying if, in fact, this body only wants to affect those districts that were specifically named in the court case, then here would be the plan. We sat down and talked with Senator Dierks and Senator Schellpeper, and if you go back to original LB 7, as it was introduced to the committee, it held that as its primary tenets of what one ought to do. As Senator Schellpeper and Senator Dierks and I continued our discussion, Senator Schellpeper and Senator Dierks, who know that district better than anyone in this area, identified that western boundary as being the best western boundary. Senator Schellpeper and I started talking about the boundary between he and I, and in that discussion what we found was something that we held in very high regard throughout LB 614, something almost every member of this body held in high regard, and that being that communities of interest had an aspect of consequence. And so we did some altering between 19, the original 19, and the original 18, and the original 17 to possibly come up with an attempt to have better communities of interest; also in a situation where rather than putting the burden on District 19 to be carved up with whatever is left, nobody else in this body had to deal with whatever is left in the situation when we were working through the process of LB 614, we all had our input, we all had our discussion, and we all then, in many cases, would push one way or push the other. I just had the Omaha metropolitan map brought up. You want to see some straight lines, go look at the map. That was done to be able to hold communities of interest, various specific communities within the Omaha area, and the community of interest that they actually had within a city, as well as coming up with that 32,212 target. I say you want to see crooked lines, go look at that. You want to see where we have a bridge moving across from Douglas into Sarpy County for those communities of interest because that county line has