

little or nothing to do with those community of interests, go look at that map. What Senator Schellpeper and I were able to do, and if you knew that part of...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: If you knew that part of the state, you would know what those community of interests are. You don't, at least for the most part, and I challenge anybody to come to the microphone and describe how that squiggly line does not better serve those people in that area than some straight line might. I can take you up and identify situations where one community actually is nestled in three counties. Big sign out on the side of the road, it's about less than 1,000 people, and the sign says, the largest county...or the largest town in three counties. I see people drawing lines cutting that community up several different ways without any knowledge of that, because the dots are so small on the map you wouldn't see them. But Senator Schellpeper and I sat down and said...I said, I will give some out of my area, in terms of that specific area that ties the community of interest, opens that area up, gives you more compactness, and that was why the amendment was offered. But if, in fact, you wanted to go to something as specific as one can get, relative to drawing county lines, then I would suggest that you do not adopt the Hefner amendment and we'll carry on discussions relative to the original LB 7 that was introduced,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...because that better fits the process.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Schellpeper, you're next.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also agree, as Senator Conway has stated, that this Hefner amendment is not a good compromise. If we're going to try to work something out, then we need to get back to the original LB 7 that Senator Dierks and Senator Conway and myself worked out, because that brings in...it brings in Pierce County in with part of Wayne and Stanton and Cedar. And it doesn't get up into Knox County, except for the City of Wausa, because Wausa has way too much population in Knox County, but it makes a more compact area. The Hefner area, it...you kind of skirt around Pierce