

County, and then you get up into Knox County. It makes for a very odd looking legislative district. So, if we're going to do anything, if you don't like the original LB 7 with the committee amendments, then let's defeat the Hefner amendments, and then we'll get back, if you want to, to the original LB 7, which makes for a much better looking area for District 18. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Anyone else wishing to address the Hefner amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Hefner, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to see a vote for my amendment. As you look at the maps just judge and see which one is more compact. I think you'll find that my amendment is. Just take one more look at it, then take a look at LB 7 as it was amended the other day. Look at all those jogs in there. One...one township out of Knox County, what sense does that make? One precinct or township out of Cuming County, and it...a part of Dixon County, whereas my plan has only two split counties. And the Supreme Court decision said keep counties whole where practical. So I think my plan does that. My plan addresses two things. First, and what I consider very important, preserves the election process. I think we need to preserve that. I believe that mine is a more constitutional plan. And, ladies and gentlemen, this is going to be challenged. We're going to have more lawsuits, and you know what our percentage is when they take it to the Supreme Court. We're not batting very good, so consider that. My plan is the least disruptive of any of them. My amendment keeps eight whole counties, and only two split counties, whereas LB 7 has seven whole counties and four split counties. Doesn't that tell you something? I believe it does. And let me stress to you again that I believe we need to preserve the election process. This, ladies and gentlemen, is a common sense approach and it's a workable approach. If I have any time left, I'd like to give it to Senator Schimek.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek,...

SENATOR HEFNER: How much time do I have?

SPEAKER BAACK: ...you have about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, thank you, Senator