

Hefner. Members of the body, I would just like to rise, once again, in support of the Hefner amendment and just to say that I think we all appreciate the body's tolerance on this issue this morning. This has been a good discussion. I think that most of us realize that there are a lot of competing interests here. There are a lot of competing questions about the constitutionality of anything that we do on this floor and what the courts will do. I still have to come back and come down on the side of preservation of the elections, and, as much as possible, preserving county lines, not because I think that that is the major criterion. I think the major criteria should be the population variance, the one person, one vote criteria. I think community interests are exceedingly important, perhaps more important than county lines. But the court has not spoke on that, and we do not have any idea of what the relativeness of the importance of that will be in their minds. We are, by guess and by "gollyng" a decision here today and I would just ask you to consider very carefully your vote on this amendment at this time. If this amendment doesn't pass, I would...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...urge that the body do nothing, that if we pass LB 7 we've opened up more questions than we've answered. At least it is my belief that we will be back in here next year, if there are any court tests we will be back here next year redrawing northeast Nebraska once again, and I don't think that we need to add that further confusion to the equation. So I urge you to vote in favor of the Hefner amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You heard the closing on the Hefner amendment. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Hefner amendment. Have you all voted? Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like a call of the house and a roll call vote taken, starting with A, with Abboud.

SPEAKER BAACK: We can handle that, Senator Hefner. We have a request for call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.