

brought it up about going back to the original plan, I would say that's not satisfactory to me either. And the reason it isn't is because it splits District 19 between Senator Schellpeper's 18th District and Senator "Cap" Dierks' 40th District. It disenfranchises those two candidates who so successfully won the primary election and have that certificate of election in their hands now. So that doesn't help us any. Personally, I would just like to see us do nothing and let the elections proceed and then come back down after the elections and redistrict the whole state and do it right this time, don't split so many counties. And we have plans, we have plans floating around that accomplishes this. So I would urge you to reject any of the other amendments and don't advance LB 7 today. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Dierks, you're next.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think I indicated earlier this morning I've gone over this thing from top to bottom 20, 30 times a day and I agree in substance somewhat with what people have said and that we probably should redistrict the whole state. We can't do that now. There's no way we can get 33 votes to do that. The Supreme Court has given us the ruling that Madison County will be a district. Now they didn't say 1995 or 1994, they just said they will have a district. I interpret that to mean they shall have a district right now and that means then that when we meet in January Madison County should be represented by their own legislator from their own county. The only way that you can come to that is to provide them with an election this fall that has...and the district has to be an odd-numbered district. I've tried to figure it out all the other ways and it just doesn't work out. If you give them an even number, they don't have a senator from their district, they have a senator from Stanton County. And I think they would have perfect opportunity to go back to the Supreme Court for a new decision. If we do nothing, the Supreme Court may redistrict for us, taking advantage of some of the plans that have been out there that shows that it can be done with less crossing of county lines. To me, we're looking at a situation where we have gotten through this process from, like I say, from top to bottom. We know we have to live with the Supreme Court dictate. We know Madison County has to have a district. We know that they have to have a legislator. We have to provide them with that with a bill here this special session that has 33 votes. If we don't provide the 33 votes, we don't