

have the emergency clause and it can't take effect until after the general election. So I think that our walking orders are very clear. We do support LB 7 in concept and we provide for the election in Madison County in November. And I just have problems with any other way of doing this. Senator Hefner has talked about disenfranchising two people who have made it through the primary. We can do that or we can disenfranchise a sitting senator because if we put 18 in Madison County, we have disenfranchised Senator Schellpeper. I'm not sure that's what we want to do either. I just can't...I can't look at it in any other aspect than we take LB 7 and its concept and pass that and do it with 33 votes. I hope you will support this idea. I think that if you really stop and think about it, you will come to the same conclusion that I have and I hope that you will show that by your support of LB 7 both today and on Final Reading on Wednesday. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Mr. Clerk, you have an announcement.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would like to have the Appropriations Committee meet in 2022 right now. Appropriations Committee in Room 2022 immediately.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schellpeper, you're next.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I think one thing that this body is not remembering is that Madison County has won their court case. Even if we have a court case up in District 19, they still have to go through the court process, whereas Madison County doesn't have to do that. They have already been told by the Supreme Court that they will have a legislative seat, they will have a senator. And so I think we need to do what's the utmost at this time and that is to...probably the least disruptive would be to just split District 19. Now we're probably going to have a court case no matter what we do but that is the least disruptive at this time. And even if they do come down and say that we have to redo the whole state, I don't think we can wait until next year. Something needs to be done this year so that the Supreme Court knows that we are meeting in special session, at least we're trying to do what they want us to do and that is to try to pass something so that Madison County will have that election. I think the process has already been approved with a petition process and if we do that, we don't have to mess with any other