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either one of the two proposed districts and I think this is something that area of the state wants to take...wants to see take place.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to just reiterate because there are some people who were not here last week for the discussion, I would just like to reiterate why I am going to vote against advancement of this bill, and it's not because I have any problems with the plan as developed. It's not because it would disrupt any elections in progress. I think it's a fairly clean plan. My caution is that I don't think that we should pass this if we don't ultimately come up with a bill for Madison County redistricting. I think it probably would be sending the wrong message. That's just one aspect of my thinking. The other aspect of it, of course, is, as I said earlier this morning, I don't think that we should do anything at all this year until the court has spoken further. With that, I guess that's my main argument. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, it's boiled down to my biggest concern, I guess, is that LB 15 drastically changes the profile of the district. It completely destroys the profile of the district. And, for that reason and that reason alone, I would ask this body not to advance LB 15. To take a step further, the maps that were handed out look real good for changing the districts. However, as the district is now, under LB 814, it only affects 1,155 people in Red Willow County. They're all in small communities and they all surround the City of McCook. If LB 15 is advanced, we are cutting part of Furnas County off. Those folks will have the same hue and cry as the other people, we don't want to be split. We will have a senator who will be representing a district for two years and does not live in the district. However, my biggest concern is the big change in the profile of the district and for that reason alone I ask you to vote no, pass, or be excused on the advancement of LB 15. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Haberman obviously doesn't want to have McCook in the 44th District. He