

says it affects only a thousand seven hundred or so people. That's not the case. The people in Red Willow County that are in the 38th District, the large majority, 10,000 of them would rather be in the 44th. The 11 to 12 thousand people in Gosper and Phelps Counties would rather be in District 38. Superior and the groups down in there would rather have Gosper and Phelps County rather than McCook and Red Willow County. As far as the split in Furnas County, there are no more or no fewer counties that are split with LB 15 than there are in LB 614. I know that the administration wishes to see the southwest Nebraska districts resolved. We get this accomplished, the complaint that's made to the courts from Red Willow County will no longer be valid and it will be withdrawn. So I would urge you to take a good look and realize that a vast majority of the citizens in these two districts wish to see this change. And I again ask you for your help in advancing LB 15.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Bohlke, you're next.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President and members, I rise in support of LB 15. Senator Haberman spoke about the fact that if we pass this, we destroy the profile of southwest Nebraska. I suggest that we do not destroy it but by passing this we resurrect the profile that was there, one that meets the test of compatible, contiguous and clear county lines. We've spent a great deal of the morning talking about the necessity of good, clean county lines and drawing a compact district. I think, as we look at it, Senator Haberman is right, it's plain to see that, as we look at it, it is much more acceptable but going further beyond that it certainly is more acceptable to the residents and I think this is an opportunity for us to correct a mistake that was made earlier. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Anyone else wishing to address the advancement of LB 15? Seeing no one, Senator Schrock, did you wish to close on the advancement?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Schimek, I believe I probably would agree with you on an issue that LB 7 should be heard first but to advance this bill at this time so we can deal with LB 7 because an amendment is being drafted. We still have Select File or Final Reading and if this is advanced out of order at this time, I don't think that's a big problem because I see also that if we don't find a