

discussion, there was some suggestion that some people were concerned with the lines, some of the lines were crooked. Well, one of the situations we have certainly in the 17th Legislative District is that all of our eastern borders are very crooked, mainly because the...mother nature and the Missouri River made those lines very crooked, and so direct your attention to the lines to the western side. There was some suggestion that those lines were somewhat barbed and my first reaction and typical reaction to that, after working on many of these plans, is that if you will look at situations where we're trying to come about with communities of interest, where we're trying to come about with other philosophies of drawing these lines, that finding the right populations and the like, it's not a question of how crooked the line is, it's these other kinds of things that we try to draw. There was also some criticism relative to Cuming County having an area taken out of it, one township which I believe has 139 people in it which broke into that county line. If you will look at the map you've got in front of you, Senator Schellpeper and Senator Dierks and I and particularly Senator Schellpeper and I still having a great deal of feeling for opening up Stanton County and making it a contiguous, compact, interrelated part rather than somewhat of a hang-on-by-your-toenails kind of look to the rest of that district, opened up the western part of Wayne County. I reinstated some more of Wayne County which I think has a great deal of community of interest with Stanton County and the balance of Wayne County, which was already divided on the western side, was taken out under 614, also bringing in Pierce County and the like. But that balancing of that population is such that to draw some more even lines, even though they are not as, I think, the community of interest under what we adopted the other day under General File was appropriate from a community interest perspective, that we do have some straighter lines on the map that you have in front of you. What you now have is the eastern half of Wayne County in conjunction with the township lines across Cuming County. Now something we haven't discussed for a while is why some of these lines are where they are. If you look at Thurston County, Thurston County has a...when they drafted or drew the county line itself, has a little barbed halfway through the county, as you move horizontally, that goes up one...six mile township and then heads west again. By the same token, Thurston County encompasses, in fact, I should put it the other way around, I should say that two Indian reservations encompass Thurston County and then some, there is a little overhang. The Cuming County division, at the top of