

Cuming County, is there to keep the reservation line intact, feeling that that had a great deal of importance to that particular community, to those particular sovereign governments who think that their lines are of great import to them, and the federal government has recognized that as well. So Cuming County is, for that matter, divided. It's now reinstated as it was under 614 to make for smoother lines. To give Senator Schellpeper a little more of his community of interest, I shouldn't say Senator Schellpeper, because we all know we're all here for tentative times and purposes. But Stanton County, which for ten years under these plans, will be operating and functioning in concert, hopefully, with the other counties in that particular district, to open that up and provide those communities a smoother access. If you look on that map you'll see that does change that. Now, where does that come in, in terms of amendment to LB 7, from what we adopted the other day, was simply three precincts, two of them in Wayne County and one of them in Cuming County, reinstated to District 17. That makes that line smooth. And with that addition, population of 17, then the New Castle and Silver Creek Townships, on the Dixon County, would be removed and left into District 18 as well, making that line a little smoother, and making the population balance. Research statistics sheet shows that that particular configuration puts things into a balance, just as we had before, but does smooth up those lines a little bit. So I offer this amendment for your...for your hopeful adoption.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Discussion on the amendment. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support the Conway amendment. It makes for a more compact district. It keeps Stanton County whole, it keeps Pierce County whole, it keeps Cedar County whole. And if you look at the lines, it makes for a much better district. I think the other one, I was never happy with it, I didn't think it looked that well. But I thought it was something that we could live with because it did open up that area into Wayne County so that Stanton County wasn't sitting back there and be divided by just four miles, and then go up into a larger area. So this amendment makes for a lot better looking district. It makes for a district that is very compact for that area, and I think it's also that the people in the district would have a lot in common, which I think is very important also, and that would happen with this amendment. So I support this amendment. Thank you.