

versa, then you disenfranchise a seated senator, and I guess I object to that, too. So, I really think that with your support we can make this plan work. And keep in mind, like Senator Schellpeper told you this morning, we already have one Supreme Court decision and that is to give Madison County a district. And I think if we do that in good faith why they'll be looking at that if they get another court case to look at. So, I support it and I hope you will. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Schimek, you're next.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I will be brief. I will probably reiterate things that I have said already on this floor today. But I agree with Senator Hefner's appraisal of this plan, that the districts do look more compact. That I...that I agree with, it's nicer that way. But we still have, in my mind, problems with the election process itself, which you just heard in the discussion of the amendment to LB 9. I think no matter what we do, if we do anything this year, we will have problems with that election process. I, when I first looked at this map, I said, well, maybe this isn't too bad, maybe we could trade District 18 and 19 around. But, as you've already heard Senator Hefner say, that would leave out one candidate over in Knox County, would leave out De Carlson who's already been certified in that election. I just think that our problem would be most...more easily solved if we waited until next year to do the redistricting. And with that, I would just encourage you to vote against the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Anyone else wishing to discuss the amendment by Senator Conway? Seeing no one, Senator Conway, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Like I say, the maps are on your desk. From a perspective that Senator Schellpeper and I discussed, again, opening up Stanton County, western Wayne, which have a great deal of compatibility as well in all fairness to the configuring of that district. Again, I'm not particularly caught up on what...how they look, and I know that some people are. But you need to know the districts, and sometimes those looks, as we talked about the urban districts have, in some cases, some rather funny lines by virtue of all kinds of configurations of trying to draw certain kinds of communities together. But this plan doesn't alter, a great