

senators, which I think is ridiculous. I don't like to see Senator Hefner's district disposed of. But yet we in Madison County, or the Madison County Democrats and Republicans bound together and filed a lawsuit and won. And so I think, in that instance, it says something for the case that we want our senator now. So, I was thoroughly disappointed, the other day, when we didn't get the primary adopted, because I think no matter the short period of time, I think we deserve a primary in Madison County. And it really got loused up in nine by the petition process. So, somebody, them four, five, six candidates fi...or get a petition in Madison County, somebody with 27 percent of the vote or less could become the vote-getter in November, which could happen. There's no question in my mind, and I don't blame Senator Hefner's people and other ones around the state that have talked to me that there will lawsuits filed. And I think you should have done it in this session, redid the whole state, because I think that's what it's going to boil down to, and the Supreme Court is going to say that in the next case that comes down. It's a sad case that people have to spend a lot of money to get done, what shouldn't have to be...happen. But, you know, in the...so many county lines were not followed. And when you've got a plan, like Senator Owen Elmer sitting there, that follows 77 per...of the county lines and you've got I don't know how many counties that are split now, the Supreme Court is going to say in their ruling that, hey, you still haven't straightened out the mess. So, I...I feel sad that somebody...some other ones are going to have to file lawsuits. But, by golly, we wouldn't have had that if we would have laid it out on the table to start with, which it wasn't, behind the scenes, the politicking going on, and I didn't like that. And everybody in here ought not neither. But that's the way the games are played in here anymore. But I...I stand to ask your support on 7, and it's just a sad day for northeast Nebraska, Nebraska as a whole, that we're in this mess. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I also rise to oppose the Hefner amendment to return to Select File. I think one thing that the body keeps forgetting is that Madison County has already won their lawsuit. The Supreme Court has already told them that they shall be a district, they have always been an odd numbered district, legislative district. And in order for them to have an election this year they need to