

have LB 7 passed so they can have their election in Madison County this year. I think Madison County deserves that, they already won. I hate to take away 19 also, because I think it's something that we probably shouldn't...wouldn't have had to do with some other plans. But that's...that's history now. We need to go forward. In order for Madison County to have that election we need to pass LB 7. Now, even if there are lawsuits filed, which there probably will be, that will have to go through the courts. But Madison County doesn't have to go through any court, because they already...the Supreme Court has said they will have an election this year, that they will have a senator. And they didn't...the Supreme Court doesn't say, you will do it on a certain date. All they did is said that you will have it. And the Supreme Court, whenever they give an opinion, they don't put any dates down, they mean now. That's the way they operate. If you get a judgment against someone, they don't mean that you have to pay two years from now. They mean that you will pay it. So, although I can see where Senator Hefner is coming from, it just...I think we need to move ahead with LB 7. We need to pass this so that Madison County and northeast Nebraska can get back to normal. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Conway, followed by Senators Hefner, Robinson, Bernard-Stevens, Schimek, Dierks, Horgan, and Kristensen.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I guess I was one of those who felt that these philosophies and these theories that we are now arguing were dealt with on General and Select File, that we had processed through this process. Granted, there are a few people, and rightfully so, and all of us, I think, are going through a great deal of anguish coming to conclusion on this particular issue. But as far as bringing it back, I think that the facts are on the table. The concerns are there. There is, this is one of those, it is not an easy decision, period. The fact that we have two certificates of nomination holders, that by virtue of passage of LB 7 will be an even-numbered district and, therefore, not eligible for election this year, but the one thing we have to remember is that what we are dealing with is a two-year period of time. Both of those candidates are in districts. Both of those candidates, in the future two-years down the road, are in geography that will have elections in two years and, hopefully, both of them will come forward as candidates who were supported by a number of their constituents in this election, and