

that we at least ought to think about it and not just dismiss it out of hand. What if we pass LB 9 as is and it doesn't work. I mean if you read that language, I am the one who asked Senator Bernard-Stevens this morning, I said, have you read LB 9 in its final version? What is a vacancy? What does a vacancy really mean? Have you read it? Have you looked at it? Can you tell me for sure what that language means? How about the ordinary citizen, how are they going to know what it means? Do those two people who came through the election in District 17, for instance, get a certificate of election or don't they? David Bernard-Stevens pointed out that we are not really talking about much of a population change in that district, 4 or 5 percent at most. Well, what about the next time this happens? What if the population change is 20 percent of the district or 15 percent of the district. It can make a difference in the outcome of an election. Now I think we ought to, if we are determined to pass LB 7 today, which I don't think we should do, I think we should go home, but if we are determined to do that, I think we had better take a look at LB 9 again and do whatever it takes to fix that bill, or we might be in trouble. And maybe one of the legal beagles in here can explain...explain it away, explain my worry over that bill away. If so, I would hope so. Senator Schellpeper said that Madison County won't have to go to court again if this bill passes. No, but Madison County will very likely, possibly, be in court again just because somebody from District 19 brings suit. I mean the whole question could be in court again. I don't think this clears the air at all. Senator Peterson said that this plan will probably be thrown out by the court. I mean he made the best argument I can make for saying don't...don't vote for this plan. It may not solve anything, and if we would just wait till next year when we have a better feel for what the court means, then we could more rationally put together a plan that is not by guess and by golly. I probably, and nobody who has spoken on this issue has probably made any friends...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...on the floor on this issue because in some way it impacts other senators in some way or another, but I don't believe that it is an issue that just impacts northeast Nebraska. It is an issue that could potentially impact all of us, and we should all be concerned and we should all be interested, and one last thought on it. Although I have got several others, I am going to have to quit here. Senator