

they have? The grounds are so simple, and in my judgment, not being a lawyer, so easy that it is not even going to be a challenge for the attorneys to win and collect the fee. That would be the kind of case I would want. The argument would simply be, if I were a certificate of election holder in 19, that the Supreme Court told the Legislature that the Constitution says they shall follow county lines whenever practicable. Then they went on to define what they felt practicable was. And practicable was, according to the Supreme Court, that there was another plan, in this case it was Senator Dierks's plan two years ago, that cut fewer county lines than 614, so the Legislature had an option of doing fewer...of crossing fewer boundaries on counties, but they chose not to. Since the Legislature chose not to, they actually had a chance to do it so it was practicable that they had an opportunity to cut across fewer lines, therefore, 614 is not valid. Look what the people in District 19 would be able to say. Senator Beutler, they actually might be able to use your map that he presented in the Government Committee because it was a plan offered. But they could go to the Supreme Court at some point, when it got there, and they would say, you know, there was a plan that the Legislature had before it, in this case it's Senator Elmer's plan, that cut across fewer county lines. The Legislature could have done so but they did not, so it was practicable for them to follow a different plan than what they had, and they chose not to. And the Supreme Court said they shall follow county lines, they did not when they had the opportunity to do that in the majority of counties, so that the plan, LB 7, is not constitutional and they would be right, given the court's rationale. I don't know why we want to do that. If we do nothing, what are the options? Well, we certainly are not going to have any lawsuits, I don't believe, from District 19 or 17 particularly but, obviously, as Senator Peterson pointed out, probably Madison County would come before the court and argue. They would say that the court said that we had to have our district. The Legislature had a chance to and did not and, therefore, we deserve to have our district and all sorts of things, then, could happen. The courts might even go in and rewrite the redistricting. That's where you get back to the district court decision that was brought down, and if you remember, the Supreme Court gave special permission for the district court to make a decision and then have the authority to rule on the case. And I read it into the record last week, and I want to review the body again. When asked what was unconstitutional, the district court said there are two sections