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of LB 614 that are unconstitutional, and they ruled them unconstitutional, Sections, and I forget the two numbers, but it dealt with District 40 and District 18. Both are even numbers, and you know the logic about those. You do not have to do anything this year because they are even numbers. They did not have an election. The election process has not been jeopardized, but as long as the Supreme Court understands that the Legislature is not saying we will not do it, if the Legislature is saying that if we do nothing, it is because if we do something, we are more damned if we do than if we don't, number one. Number two, we are also saying that we will give Madison County their district. We will do so. We will abide by the court decision, but we don't have to this year at the expense of jeopardizing the election process. And that now brings us to LB 9. If we do something like LB 7, we are going to jeopardize harmfully the election process. Number one, you had a district that had an election process, and we take that away. Fine, we can argue pros and cons of that. But, also, you have a petition process in LB 9 that we, to this day, after passing...if we pass LB 9 do not know who is supposed to be on the ballot or not. Can the certificate of election holders be on the ballot? As I read LB 9, they can but the intent of the body was that they should not be. That is a problem and we need to address those problems. Madam Chairman, Madam President, how much time is remaining and I know there is not much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Just a little over a minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Kristensen, do you wish any time. There is about a minute left, or would you rather me punch in and give you time. Senator Kristensen put his light on so I yield back the rest of my time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Robinson, Robak, and Kristensen. Senator Robinson. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: There has been no debate, Senator Robak, so Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I have not spoken on the redistricting issue, simply, one, of not being here but, two, in trying to sort out