

and if you, at least from my opinion, if you pass the bill, you are going to take their certificate of elections away from them. Now get away from the fairness issues, but what about the legal issues. You have got Madison County over on one hand saying we won, we get a district. True. When they get that, I don't know. They are entitled to that. But on the other side, you have got the other lawsuit with two people saying, look, I have got certificates of elections, you can't do away with me. Now what do you think the court may do? Do you think they are going to choose one over the other? Probably not. They are probably going to choose for both of them and say you are both right, and then you, the Legislature, have got to do something else. I don't see the court choosing one of those two alternative and saying one is better than the other. I think they are going to say they both have. Those two candidates have certificates of elections. They are correct. Madison County, you are correct. Legislature, you have got to live within those boundaries, very similar to personal property tax.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Uniformity clause on one hand, constitutional amendment on the other, they recognize both of them, and they say, Legislature, you can't choose one over the other. Similar here. Now I think that you...I don't...and Senator Bernard-Stevens raises some very interesting questions about LB 9, and I am not sure, I don't know what the intent was of the body when they put on that amendment. But I think that is fair game, I don't think it is inappropriate to continue that debate to at least sort out what you meant by Amendment 9. But, certainly, if you are going to take away and pass this, I think you do away with two people's certificates of election that I don't think we can properly do at this point in time, and I think that you have to honor those. Now maybe you can give them different district numbers, but I still think you have got to allow them on the general election. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Just in response to a couple of things that were raised, and, again, it is all philosophical because when things go to the courts, we have all seen some things turn on a word or on a phrase that, in