

the emergency clause. We have a number of senators that were absent because they think their personal business is more important than what we're doing here. I believe that we should go ahead with this reconsideration and do the responsible thing. I have, all along, felt that the responsible and the best possible move was to redistrict the entire state, maintain the northeast as historical, basic historical outlines, and none of this would have happened, with the single exception that somewhere two candidates are left with certificates of nomination with no district. However, those two certificates of nomination with a statewide plan would be within districts that are odd-numbered and could petition within those districts this year. I would strongly support the reconsideration and, hopefully, we can get enough members here to agree that we need to address this now or we will be faced with districts imposed on us by the judicial system probably to many of us...many of us's dismay. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Peterson, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR PETERSON: Madam President and members, I don't see Senator Abboud but I do appreciate his putting up the reconsideration motion. I, too, felt that some...there were several took a walk this afternoon, maybe one or two is out playing golf and not paying attention to what's going on in here, but this is a serious matter. We spent...Madison County spent a lot of money to take this to court and now to see that we are not going to...we're going to be denied a senator for two more years which when added up will be six years is utterly ludicrous. And I understand the dilemma but I've just been on the phone with some people up in Madison County and I rest assure you if you think you've got something to live with now, and Senator Kristensen and some of those that think they've got a swell district now, I think, are going to see when the state redoes...when you redo it or the Supreme Court does, you're not going to see the districts as you think they're going to be because I think you're going to see some people in Madison County really come in hard on this and you're going to wish to God you had adopted LB 7 as it is. And I don't blame them because I think it's ludicrous that we in this body don't stand up and do something now and not later. I think that you've got some plans out there that are for the whole state and they will be submitted and they're better plans yet than what Senator Owen Elmer and Senator Dierks had that they submitted before the