

Supreme Court, before. So what you're doing is some of you people that voted against this are going to see your districts changed in a couple of years or next year or maybe yet this year and you're going to wish to God you'd...you'd have voted for this. And so that's all I can say. I encourage you to pass LB 7 and let's get on with this.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam Chairman and members, I've thought about making this speech many, many times since we have found ourselves in this controversy but I always bit my tongue because, as the man on his deathbed said when the priest said, do you renounce the devil and all of his works? He said, Father, this is no time for me to be making any new enemies. And so, with that in mind, I'm going to tell the story anyway. I used to fly around the country with my children in the airplane and the helicopter, we'd be flying along nice and level and smooth and they would say, dad, let loose of the control and let me fly a while. I would say, sure, take over. But when the aircraft would be upside down and going off in all kinds of directions they would say, daddy, I've had enough flying, why don't you fly a while. And so it's easier to take the Legislature over than it is to run it. It does not run automatically, uniformly and easily. There are a lot of competent legislators here who work very hard. None of us ever get all of the things that we want. Sometimes we have to kind of sit on the outside and watch things happen for a while. Eventually, the pendulum swings back towards the center again. You know, it just could be that there would be a bunch of us running at large. That wouldn't be the worst thing. I don't mind running at large. I welcome all of you into the race and that could just be what could happen. And if, in fact, this body decides to thumb their nose, so to speak, theoretically or actually, at Madison County, it wouldn't surprise me if that sort of thing could happen. Madison County is a district which ought to be continued in its form as directed by the court. We can play all the kind of games we want and there were those of us who didn't like the redistricting plan very well but we lived with it, but the facts are that Madison County was identified as being an area, along with Lincoln County, that had to have their own legislator. Might not like the legislator, whether it's Bernard-Stevens or Peterson, or if it were me there, it could be that way, but the geographical description has been outlined for us. Now we can play all the other kind of games we want. We