

have mixed emotions about this reconsideration. My first impression is that we should just let the courts do it. I think that that's where we're headed and I think we should let the court decide and if they say we're going to do the entire state, we'll do the entire state, and that's what I kind of feel will actually happen. And so I really have mixed emotions about this what Senator Abboud is trying to do, because I don't think the votes are here. I think we had the votes this morning but I don't think the votes are here this afternoon. You can say, well, we can just try it, but I guess you have to be realistic and say that I don't think the votes are here this afternoon. So I'll just...I'm not going to recommend that the body do anything. They can do whatever that they please but, personally, I think maybe we're better off letting the courts decide. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Members of the Legislature, I'm going to vote for the reconsideration motion and I'm going to vote for LB 7. I haven't been sharing with you the arduous task of coming over the terms of LB 7 but I will tell you this. If we have to choose between a legislative solution and a judicial solution, which is apparently where we are, we need to face up to our responsibility. Even if the court gives us minimal directions, even if they put us behind the eight-ball, we need to do what it is that legislatures do, which is to make laws and to pass these kind of boundaries. We've done it for all other subdivisions. We've done it for all other censuses, this is part of our job and the ploy of putting it back into the courts is not appropriate. Now, it's possible we could act today and the court would still send us back here a second time. It wouldn't make a difference. Our job is to pass a law to make a plan, to find a solution. Sometimes those solutions fail constitutionally. It doesn't mean that we have been relieved of our responsibility which is to pass a law, to find a solution, to solve a problem. We need to walk away today with a solution in hand. We can't be sure if it's constitutional. We can't be sure if it's the best, but that's our job. When I was a kid my mother, every now and then, just to teach us a lesson, would fix us some Brussels sprouts and my father made us eat the Brussels sprouts and we hated Brussels sprouts but we ate them because it was part of the deal. You've got to clean up your plate, you've got to have your vegetables. Unfortunately, drawing