

ought to do it. I disagree. There are those who like to think that we are an incompetent, biased group of people, from time to time each of us demonstrates that kind of ability and I plead guilty as much as anyone else. I think this is the time now to pass LB 7. I very much regret the inconvenience it has caused...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and the disarray that will occur. And I know that Senator Hefner, whom I've often voted with and sometimes I have disagreed with, talks about the sacred election process. The facts are the court has said that bill was unconstitutional as it related to those districts. So there is no thing sacred about that process, it's over and done with as decreed by the court. Those certificates of election are not valid. I would suggest, therefore, that you put aside the other reasons why you might vote against LB 7 and vote for it at the present time. Thank you.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, I would like to stand in support of the motion to reconsider LB 7 and to tell you a few things again about that. You know, with the action that we've taken in not supporting LB 7, we have disenfranchised 32,000 plus people in Madison County. Those people were told by the Supreme Court that they should be a legislative district. Now we came down here with the idea of doing that for them and we presented a plan here that was probably the least disruptive plan that we could bring, that did exactly what we were instructed to do by the court and yet we didn't have the courage to do that. And, sure, it takes courage, you have to stand up to some of the influences in your life that say you shouldn't support those things and do it anyway. Thirty-two thousand people in Madison County do not have a legislator in January because of inaction by this body today. Those certificates of election or certificates of nomination, rather, that were presented to the two people that came out of District 19 represent just that, a certificate of nomination. They have not been elected to any body. They have not been elected to this body but you have some people who have been elected to this body who may be disenfranchised because of our inaction today, people such as Senator Schellpeper, possibly Senator Dierks, because our numbers happen to be even and in