

another year those would be the districts we'd be looking at to place into Madison County. So I've got some personal problems with that. I think that we have to realize, and Senator Hefner I heard say many times this was a sacred process, I'm not sure that's the exact adjective I would use, but it's a process that we try to have respect for, and I think that we have done...with LB 7 we have done the least disruptive piece of legislation we could do to comply with the Supreme Court. I would urge that you help bring this back...bill back for reconsideration. Those of you who had any doubts at all who didn't support LB 7, if you can find it in your heart to do that, I think this is the time to do that and show the people of this state and show the people of Madison County and show some of the seated senators that you respect them and what they're trying to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senators Schimek and Nelson.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I had a whole other speech I was going to give and that speech was...and I'll maybe give the gist of it and because the tenor of the discussion was that, gee, if you don't do anything right now, the court is going to take this over and they're going to do it. I don't think that's true. Now, they can, I mean, they have the power that they can do that, but you've got to look a little bit at some history and what's happened in other places. When state courts have come in it's been after years of fighting with the Legislature. We got this decision, what, in June, July? So the tenor, I would like to get it back funneled that it isn't an automatic choice between we either do something today, this afternoon, or you're going to...the court is going to hand you down a plan by next year that you've got to live with, that isn't an automatic. That's not true. And I never thought there would be things like amended mandates from the Supreme Court and that turned up. So, I mean, it can happen, but probabilities are that it does not. But I guess it's...that was the purpose, but Senator Dierks struck me with his last speech about vote for people who you respect. You know, I guess, it's not a question for me, I don't want to choose between a Stan Schellpeper and a "Cap" Dierks. I like them both, I respect them both, consider them friends and I bet you do too. It's not between choosing between De Carlson and Gus Pick or whoever else. It isn't a question about voting for one senator versus another, because we're just here for the while. You're here for your term, you're a caretaker. It's the system that matters. It's the