

had our special session dealing with personal property taxes, the court in a rather unusual move came down with a decision that completely turned our special session topsy-turvy. Will the Supreme Court come down with a decision between now and November? Possibly. Last year when Senator Peterson's group from Madison County filed an action in district court, I think most of us would have predicted, at least I predicted that it would absolutely go nowhere. Well, I was proven wrong and I think most of us here were proven wrong. And to predict what the Nebraska Supreme Court will do with this issue and what their time frame in which they will act, I feel, is out of our hands. The court is very unpredictable on this issue. They've shown that with pulling language out of the Constitution that no one felt was applicable at this time and they could very easily come back with a decision within a month. I assume by tomorrow the representative from Madison County, and Senator Peterson can correct me if I'm wrong, will be filing an action in Lancaster County District Court for a hearing and I assume it will work its way up to the Supreme Court quite quickly. And in spite of the best efforts of our Attorney General, I feel the Supreme Court will be dealing with this issue in the very near future and what they choose to do with it will be entirely up to them. I am unwilling to risk a complete rewrite of our legislative districts, a complete rewrite of our congressional districts at the hands of the Nebraska Supreme court. I guess it's happened too often in other states in which their Supreme Court has chosen to rewrite the boundaries as they so chose, using whatever criteria they felt was in the best interests of the people of the state. I think we should keep the legislative redistricting in the hands of the Legislature and, for that reason, I'm offering the motion to reconsider and will be voting for the eventual passage of the bill with the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. We will now vote on the motion to reconsider LB 7 with the emergency clause attached. This requires 33 votes. All those...Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Before we move to the vote, thank you, Madam President, for recognizing me, I would like to ask for a call of the house and have all elected members present.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye. Right, we are on Final Reading. Would the senators please check in. We're looking for Senator Byars, Senator Robinson. Senator Schimek, Senator Warner,