

fish or cut bait, it's time to stand up and be counted. It's kind of an interesting situation that Senator Hefner says he would hate to be taken from a funeral in church. Well, we have all had to do that from time to time. I don't think anyone is at a funeral right now. There might be some here, there, or otherwise. We have all had to be absent from time to time for a variety of personal reasons. That's what you have with a citizen Legislature. Senator Chambers is on target that when the body is called in we are subject to that call and this body stays in session until we arrive. The Highway Patrol needs to be sent out to bring in the people who are absent. The Sergeant at Arms, as of right now I am sure Mr. Wilson, in years past, scurried around and found folks and he brought us in. Senator Labeledz didn't come along very willingly but she came because she knew she had to be here. Right, Senator Labeledz? You're not paying attention again, Senator Labeledz. The facts are that the issue is going to be far less time consuming as of now, at this place, at this time than if, number one, we were called back again, or, number two, the alternative, as I said, is that the court takes over the redistricting issue. The wails will be loud and long if the court redistricts. There will be much lamentation and much criticism of the court but it will be one of the few times the court, in my opinion, will be beyond criticism. Senator Kristensen says he likes both Senator Dierks and Senator Schellpeper. It would be easier sometimes to identify those we don't like on this floor. I'm sure Senator Kristensen would be high on the list of favorable individuals. There are those who have told me that the vote on this issue can decide chairmanships of the next...during the next '93 session. If that's true, it's a sad commentary on the system. I hope that the Patrol is able to find the absent members. I can suggest where you can find several of them, from experience in the past, and I would suggest that if they have difficulty finding some of them, I can be of some help. But we are in a position at this time in the space of a few hours to take a vote and I commend Senator Conway. If he loses the vote on this issue with 49 members present, then he's lost the vote. If, in fact, he loses it with 43 members present...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...it is not a fair test of the desirability of the redistricting plan. There are those of us who would do it differently but I think that I would not often suggest that Senator Conway is right in this area. I think he's right this