

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, I want to stand up in opposition of this and I just wanted to ask Senator Wesely a few questions, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR JONES: It says district boundaries must be contagious (sic) and continuous and conform with county lines. Now what, what about the counties now that goes across all the county lines in my area? I got a lot of them that one districts is in several counties right now. How is he going to handle that in this?

SENATOR WESELY: It doesn't require that they have to stay within the county, but it's encouraged where possible. So it doesn't stop that or change that.

SENATOR JONES: Well, but it will require them to have no more than, at least 300 in a district?

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR JONES: Would you be in favor of having no more than 300 in some of the big districts?

SENATOR WESELY: (Laughs) No.

SENATOR JONES: Well, that'd make it equal that way clear across the state, see.

SENATOR WESELY: Then it'd make all of us inefficient.

SENATOR JONES: Yeah. Well, I'm in favor of letting incentives to go ahead and take place for the next two or three years. This is a mandate and I don't think we should be trying to mandate them. I think we should see if they're going to work, and if they do work, well, fine. If they don't work, well, then we might have to come back and do something. And maybe the public will be ready for it then. But there's miles and miles of your transportation in some of the areas would be tremendous if you had to transport them, you know, clear across the counties, because some of the counties are 150 miles from one side to the other and that's a long ways to go across to get kids to school. And so I would be opposed to this here