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northeast Nebraska. If you recall, if you recall, I was elected in 1980...1998 and my district at that time included somewhere around 30,000 people. Senator Cunningham was elected last year and his district included somewhere around 30,000 people. So that means that 60,000 people expressed an interest in having us here and they voted for us to bring us here. Now, all of a sudden, we are thrown into a district that will have 35,000 people and so there's roughly 30,000 people who are going to be disenfranchised about having selected Senator Cunningham or myself, and they are expected to like it I guess. We'd like to make that change. Like I said, I don't intend to hurt anybody's feelings. That was not part of my intention at all. I'm trying to justify what I think was a wrong that was done last May and this is the way that I tried to do it. With that, I would ask your support to suspend the rules. We have to have 30 votes to do that. And then, after we get the rules suspension, we need to have 25 votes to bring the bill from committee, and I hope that there's 25 votes for that. I'm interested, of course, in answering any questions you might have and urge your support of this rule suspension motion, as well as the...the motion to raise the bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the opening. Senator Dierks, your light is the next one on. Senator Schimek.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. As one of the few, perhaps, who were here when we did redistricting in 1991, I decided I needed to express my opinion on this bill, and I am...or on this motion, I'm sorry. I am standing in opposition to it for several reasons, and the first of the reasons is simply the motion to suspend the rules, I think, is...is a serious motion and it comes with the provision that then we will work on the motion to pull from committee, and I think that's a very serious motion too. We have a very strong committee system in this Legislature and it's very rarely that we ever pull bills from committees. I, in my fourteen years here, have only tried it once, and it wasn't successful I might add. That was after the bill had been in committee for 20 days. That's another part of our rules that's very important because it gives some time for the people who are supporting the bill the opportunity to lobby committee members, to talk to them