

the City of Columbus and some think Senator Schmit is and some think that I am so it's proliferation and I happen to be very fortunate in having my very good friend, Senator Schmit is co-Senator in Columbus, but I think the, many of these reapportionment, reapportionments in outstate could have been taken to court and thrown out but we're not of the suing type so we kind of live with our, with our, with what has been done to us. Now on the dividing of Boone County, I think a former Senator had that done. He took the north part of Boone County, from where I was raised, of course, it's a pretty good area for him. Someone outside of the Legislature decided on that and Senator Waldron took Callaway and put it into North Platte. He was going to North Platte to practice law and the whole thing was secret. I was told, Senator Waldron come to me and said, would you mind if you went to the north end of the Loup River bridge and took, I think, Duncan in. I said, well, if it will help, I will do that, but when the map came out it took in, it split Columbus right in two. I don't think it's good. It isn't good apportionment. I think it could have been done much better. I think many of these things could have been taken to the court and thrown out.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes, did you wish to be heard on the issue? We have the, we have the amendment before the body.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I'm speaking on the amendment that Senator Carpenter offered. I would suggest that when you go down there and have Syas and the other Senator appear at the Attorney General's, that also you take into consideration the latest Federal census because we've had a Federal census in Sarpy County with just one of our cities which grew 2400 population in, from 70 to 72. The population of Sarpy County perhaps now stands at 20,000 above what it was when we took it in 1970 and we will have a census this year, so bear in mind that the latest Federal census will include the one that we have in our county and we hope that you will apportion the State out, taking that into consideration.

SPEAKER: Well, we still have--Senator Syas, did you wish to be heard on the Carpenter amendment to this; trying to bring that to a vote, that amendment, you know, direct Senator Carstens---

SENATOR SYAS: Well, of course, I'd rather have the whole thing defeated but I'm not going to turn down this thing but I might say that I also have been to the Attorney General. It's funny that we get different answers. I guess we're talking to different people, Senator Carstens, you don't think I would sit here and not go to Attorney General, do you, when I saw this on the horizon, I'm a little bit faster than that! Now, Senator Carpenter said well, to the effect that, how bad we did this job and how much I participated in it. I wish to call your attention that I didn't redistrict outstate--I gave that job to you outstate Senators. You drew your own lines and if you made some mistakes, that's your fault. Well, he says they got too many Senators, well, we'll be glad to take a couple more in Sarpy County if you would. The whole point of it is--we, with Omaha and Douglas County Senators redistricted our parts of the State on, or the, correctly, the Lincoln Senators redistricted theirs and Senator Waldron and all you fellows, I hope redistricted yours and if you made some mistakes don't be coming to me and then saying that I'm responsible for your mistakes. I might be responsible for many things but only my own.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney, did you wish to be heard on the amendment. That's all we're speaking on is the amendment which would direct Senators Carstens and Syas to go wait on the Attorney General on this issue.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President; yes, I'll speak on the amendment. I would start by saying that the amendment