

going back to the Attorney General with our two Senators, of course, is sort of like a replay of about ten years ago in this same Legislature. It was back to the Attorney General and his opinion that, at that time, if I'm right, Senator Syas, Senator Syas; at that time when the Attorney General was asked for an opinion he stated that it was not necessary to redistrict at that time. Am I correct?

SENATOR SYAS: Senator Mahoney, I'm glad you asked me the question. Of all of the cases that we have had where the Attorney General said we couldn't cross county lines and we, we, 25% per area was legal and of all those things, I'm very glad you asked me that. The Federal Court threw out the Attorney General's rule every time. The fact is the Attorney General of this State has yet to win a case on reapportionment. I was right--he was wrong.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: So Mr. President, in further bringing this to a head, I would say that as far as sending the two Senators over for another opinion on this, as Senator Syas has said before, we spin our wheels and we're spinning our wheels because actually, the law that we have before us is constitutional. That's the one in which we're redistricting now, and if we go back just for another opinion, I can see where we're just further delaying and taking more of our time than the 90 days that we need to be on with our other business and I'd like to state that if there is someone in the State who feels that the present law that we are redistricted by now is unconstitutional, if this present law is unconstitutional, I think the proper place for those people are to do what we had to do, Senator Syas and a group of us in the urban city area, we went to court and on that particular case, we won, so I would say that if this law that we have now is so bad as some people think, then we should take this-- they should take this to court and settle it that way and then we can come up with a redistricting plan if the court finds it unconstitutional.

SPEAKER: Now, are you all through discussing the Carpenter amendment. Does anybody else want to hear--all right, wait just a minute. Are you all through discussing the Carpenter amendment. All right. Clerk will read the amendment. This is the amendment offered by Senator Carpenter.

CLERK: Read amendment.

SPEAKER: Now, Senator Carpenter is closing on his amendment to Senator Carstens' motion. Senator Carpenter closing. No questions after this.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, of course, in answer to my good friend Senator Mahoney and Syas, they got all the new Senators. They limit us from counting our cattle and our trees and everything else. We only had a problem because he and they created it. Now I think we ought to go back to the old fashioned idea that one for one is not the most important thing in life. We people live outstate in the farm country believe we're just as important even though we don't have the numbers as those are who have the numbers. We're now apprehensive that one of these days when you get enough numbers if we don't change this, you and the Lincoln delegation are going to have 25 votes and what we think won't have any effect. And that's what I'm trying to conclude that you're trying to do and you're smiling about it, I don't blame you. I'd smile too if I was a cat about to eat a couple of mice or 24 farm mice. We, we want to start counting cattle again and those other things that we think are just as important as human beings. We make no, no apologies for it. You created our problem by changing us to the point we had to redistrict by down to 1%. We didn't want to do it--we had to do it! Now