SENATOR WALDRON: First of all, Senator, that is irrelevant to the discussion here today.

SENATOR NORE: O.K. Why did you put Columbus in too.

SENATOR WALDRON: Senator you know why Columbus was split. I talked to you about it personally.

SENATOR NORE: Now, I would also like to remind you that Omaha already are with, or parts of Omaha are within three Supreme Court Districts. They already have a possibility of having three court members. So why change it?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes, Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Senator, I think that initially Senator Carstens covered most of the reasoning. And I appreciate him defending the committee action. I think he covered it real well. No one, I don't think on that committee figures that we all figure that I believe, it is safe to say that at least a vast majority of us on the committee that the present Supreme Court Justice Districts are gerrymandered. I agree with that. I think it is a disgusting situation. I helped kill the bill because of what Senator Carstens already cited. That we did not think this session, we had time to bring up various reapportionate measures. There is another bill here on the legislative. We got 26 days to go, and that was a big factor, and I think the main factor on why the committee took this action. We figured that 75, if they want to open reapportionate as another thing. But to open this one, and open the legislative one in a..which I think is bad anytime. But bear in mind that this is an election year and people are filing for office. And we are going to have one big grand mess if we open all these things this session. Now let me cite to you one of the things. Several items. Nebraska Bar Association. And Senator Fellman says he doesn't like the Nebraska Bar, Syas doesn't so he's killed the bill for that reason. Which is not true. And I think I've given everyone an adequate committee report. If you will take the time to read it, or if you are interested. I think that the Nebraska Bar Association doesn't do much, b ut that wasn't the reason that I voted to kill the bill. The Omaha bar, I was lying in bed last night before I fell asleep, and I was trying to think of one thing that I could think of that they have ever done in the interest of the general public. And I couldn't think of anything. Now they might of some place. But I said I couldn't think of anything. Rip Van Winkle slept for twenty years. I've been here longer than that in the Legislature and I think that the Omaha Bar has been sleeping more than that. I can't recall, and the Nebraska too. I can't recall when they came onthis redistricting. Where the heck were they in 1971, when this bill was going across the board and George Syas was fighting it like some other ones every step of the way because it was malaportionment. I stood on this floor at that time. Where was the bar then. Where was this Omaha Bar Association? Where was the Nebraska Bar? No. They were conspicuous by their actions. All of a sudden they get all hepped up on something that I'll admit is the most malaportioned districts in the State of Nebraska of any job we did. And this bill, as I understand it, all of you know at the time we kicked around was the brain child at least that was what we were all understood, of one of the present Supreme Court Judges. Who gerrymandered into a bill, that Omaha would have one Judge. At least that's the story we got in '71 and I had no further information that it wasn't true. The fact is that one time the introducers of the bill told me it was true.