

are located. Does that answer your question?

SENATOR DWORAK: With the current structuring of the districts in the State of Nebraska now, and the Third Congressional District continually moving east, it seems to me that this bill in fact would work an adverse effect on assuring equal geographical distribution and that is the point you made as to assure equal geographical distribution. It appears to me that you are trying to make a population distribution rather than a geographical distribution. Now I think I concur with you that we need geographical distribution but it seems to me that this bill doesn't assure that. It goes in the opposite direction, if you would comment on that, Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Every judicial district has to have the same number of electors in it, Senator Dworak. I mean we can't represent areas without population so...

SENATOR DWORAK: But not for purposes of the Supreme Court. There is nothing in appointing justices to the Supreme Court that indicates it has to be an equal amount of population, is that right?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I am not sure how the Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court decisions relating to state legislatures would apply to state supreme courts.

SENATOR DWORAK: Either my questions aren't clear, and I will ask it again. One of the arguments you gave for this, Senator Hoagland, was that we need equal geographical distribution for the makeup of the Nebraska Supreme Court. It seems to me this bill does not do that because the new Congressional districts move toward the east. The Third District moves farther to the east than it has in the past. Now it seems like we have two principles here, one, geographical distribution, two, population distribution and I thought I understood you to say that population distribution was not necessarily necessary...was not necessary for appointing justices to the Supreme Court but you felt there was some positive thing to geographical distribution. If that in fact is the case, then why don't we leave the districts just as they are, or if anything, move the one district farther west.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I don't think we are operating on the same track, Senator Dworak. I think you might have misunderstood what I said earlier. Your earlier question was why do