SENATOR HOAGLAND: I think my first reaction of that, Senator Cullan, is that it is an excellent idea and that we should take a look at it. It is always difficult drafting constitutional amendments. It took us a long period of time to work out the language in this amendment. What I would suggest we do is vote on this particular amendment as amended by the committee amendments last Friday, advance it to Select File, and then we could meet in the interim and see if we can come up with some appropriate language and present it to the body when the bill is on Select File.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Senator Hoagland, I thank you very much for your time. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, at this point in time I will support the advancement of LB 261 and hope to work with Senator Hoagland and others to work out a problem that we may see develop in the future. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I talked on this thing yesterday and I want to bring it to your attention again. When we have a situation that is working, why do we want to change it? There is some reason for it. Omaha has its representation. It will always have its representation. Now we talk about gerrymandering. It doesn't make any difference how much you gerrymander this state into judicial districts. Every attorney that lives in the state will have to live in some judicial district and the districts should be equal approximately in population. So every attorney that wants to be a Supreme Court Judge will have equal opportunity no matter where he lives in Nebraska as long as we keep the population in these districts approximately the same. Gerrymandering has nothing to do, absolutely nothing to do with the size of a district. You can gerrymander all over the state to get one district to catch in the Judge here and there if you want to but simply by changing the boundaries of a district does not mean that gerrymandering is cutting out a number of judges in Omaha or putting more in. Now at such time as we change the number of judges, then is when we should change the redistricting of the Judicial Districts, not now. Now Senator Hoagland has a purpose in this bill and gerrymandering has nothing to do with it, absolutely nothing. He has something in mind. He will not tell you what it really is. At such time as we do change the number of judges, then let's redistrict, not