

now. I urge you to not support this bill at this time. Maybe some time in the future when we change the number of Supreme Court Judges, okay, but not now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Looking at the recommended redistricting, assures me of only one thing, that District 3, Senator Dworak, Senator Murphy, Senator Hefner, Senator George, will have seen their last Supreme Court Judge. The overwhelming population of attorneys, judges, et al in the Lincoln area will guarantee along with the close affiliation and association of the Governor and the area of Lincoln will guarantee that Lincoln from here forward will have two judges. There is no way that I will accept the concept that we should not have a Judge Tom White on the bench, that we should not have had a Judge John Newton on the bench. What this bill will do is abolish region three. We are a geographic representative area. The input from people in that area belong to a judge from that area and this bill will totally eliminate that. I think I am not sure what Senator Hoagland has in mind but I do know what the result of passage of this bill will be. It will be elimination of District 3. I am very much opposed to it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I was one of those who was absent on Friday afternoon and, therefore, was unable to cast my vote on LB 261. I was having some problems with the bill at that particular time so perhaps it is best that I was absent. In the meantime I have had the opportunity to study and I have become privy to some information which I did not have on Friday and we talk about gerrymandering and according to those people who support the bill the current system has been subject to gerrymandering. I have information which indicates that since the year 1867, fifty-one Supreme Court Judges have been appointed. Only eight of these judges or less than one sixth of the total have been from the area which now comprises the Second Congressional District. Since this area historically has contained from one-fourth to one-third of the population in the State of Nebraska, in my opinion it has been traditionally underrepresented in the Supreme Court. Under the present apportionment this area is subject to three Judicial Districts. Only Judge Brodkey is now from this particular area and I, for one, think it makes sense to parallel these boundaries with the Congressional District boundaries and I think fair is fair. I urge the support of LB 261.