

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, ten years ago, Burt County was in District One. Then ten years ago the Legislature moves Burt County to District Two. The voters in District Two, the people that live there built up an allegiance in District Two to the people they elect to Congress. Now the Legislature wants us to return again from whence we came. It is kind of a political football with the 8800 farm folk that apparently the sponsors of the amendment believe really don't count that much and they can cut them up and move them out. Well, I would like to tell you Senators something about Burt County. 74%, 74% of the registered voters came to the polls at the last general election in 1980 out of Burt County. Now I don't know what the count is in the other counties around the State of Nebraska but being only 26% short of perfect is a pretty good showing of the political interest of the registered voters of Burt County and I would like to interject just a little more that may have a bearing on this. Burt County has 5378 total registered voters. Of these, 3116 are Republicans, 1925 are Democrats. Now I would say that it would be to the best interest of the Democratic Party in District Two if Burt County did get moved over to District One. Then it would all be Republican. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Do you wish to cease debate? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, do you wish to close on your amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Two points, I believe, it was pointed out under the committee plan there is only one and a half counties being adjusted. Under this proposal there would be three, but as we all know, misery loves company and it seems to me three is better than one and a half on that basis. Secondly, all I can say in response to Burt County concern is that obviously they are loved by all and we would all like to have them in our Congressional District. The purpose of my amendment, however, is solely, again, to try and retain county lines as the dividing division for Congressional Districts. This is a lesser disparity than what we have now if we were to retain our existing districts and the choice is just that simple. So if you want to support