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within the guidelines that our committee adopted several months ago. Again, if you have any questions, I would be real happy to try and answer them for you, and if there isn't, well, then I would certainly move adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely, did you have a question?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I do have a question of Senator Hefner.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hefner, will you respond?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Hefner, if you would yield please, I see...I do appreciate, I think that you are doing the right thing in splitting the Congressional Districts into two areas so that we can geographically spread those districts across the state of the Supreme Court. My question is this, I see that you split Omaha in the Second Congressional District. Had you considered the possibility of splitting Lincoln in the First Congressional District?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Wesely, this was not brought up at the committee hearing and if I recall the committee did not even discuss this. However, during the committee hearing I did ask the question about...if you notice that District #3 runs from the northern tip of Nebraska to the southern part of Nebraska and, of course, this would allow us to have a Supreme Court judge either from northeast Nebraska or the southern part of Nebraska and my question was, is this the way we want the Supreme Court to represent us, and I think it was the consensus that it wasn't all that bad.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, I also see that you don't strictly follow Congressional lines but you follow them as close as you can, isn't that correct?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Wesely, we do follow Congressional lines.

SENATOR WESELY: See, like Thayer County is in the Third District, Congressional District on this map that would normally be in the First District so you couldn't have possibly followed them all, completely, you did it as close as you could, isn't that correct?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, of course, now as the Congressional Districts stand, Thayer County is in the Third District so this map does follow the new Congressional Districts lines.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, that is right. You changed that. That is right. Senator Maresh is going to talk about that. Thank