

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Do you have anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (See Wesely amendment on page 2265 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't have a handout because you probably could not tell from it exactly what we are talking about anyway but if any of you are interested I do have a number of copies of the map which would change the Supreme Court judicial districts. Essentially what we are doing is this. The present map has a district 3 figure which goes from the northern boundaries of Nebraska clear down to the southern Kansas boundary and if you want copies just come on over. I have got extra copies. And the problem is this. We have got kind of a strange looking actually district that it is just basically a tier of counties with a few off to the side that goes from north and south and that is usually not the way we have our boundaries in the state. Usually we have a sort of a south of the Platte, north of the Platte, northern-southern division that has a little more common sort of situation than what we have got now. So what I did was sit down and try to work out a change that would bring about a sort of a more northern half of the first congressional district and southern half of the congressional district and the only way you can really work that out is to take a small chunk of Lancaster County and put it up in the upper tier and so essentially what we would have is this. We would have a number of counties which are now in the northern half which would be moved to the southern half. Let's see, we see Richardson, Pawnee, Gage, Jefferson, Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe, Saline, Fillmore, Seward, York, Butler would all be in the southern county and a number of those, particularly Saline, Fillmore, Seward, York and I believe, Butler, would have all been in the northern one. So what we are doing is shifting around and essentially creating a different sort of a boundary that would include the northwest quadrant of Lancaster County and Saunders County in the northern half of the judicial districts we would split and then have a south of the Platte, north of the Platte difference essentially for all the other counties. There are a number of reasons that I wanted to do this. First off, the population variance would be decreased to a very close margin so that the first district would be off the median ideal figure by about .02% and the third judicial district would be off by a -.28 so they are within .28 of the ideal population variance and