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SENATOR WESELY: Well it really maybe does not help us that much. We only take a small chunk of Lancaster County and you know, I guess the thought was perhaps we needed to balance off the lawyer distribution in the first congressional district but in the end, it does not help us so much as it does makes a district that makes a little more sense in a southern-northern type of a division instead of a north-south running district with a sort of a southeast district.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you, Senator Wesely. This really does make sense that it is a north-south district instead of a northeast-southeast sort of a district. That really makes sense. I don't understand it one bit. I wish it would be explained sensibly so we could understand it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, would you care to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, the amendment before you would essentially have instead of the third district running from the northern boundary to the southern boundary, would essentially have it stop at the Platte River and have a northern third judicial district and a southern first judicial district with an exception of this. Saunders County and the northwest chunk of Lancaster County would have to be moved up to the third judicial district and that would be done essentially because we need to balance off the population. With the changes that we have we have a population variance of less than .28% which is very, very close and also we better distribute the lawyer population which is found in the first congressional district. So it makes sense on a number of different points. I think you will find that the boundaries are much more agreeable to the area in which they would be represented on the Supreme Court and I would just encourage your support for the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the Wesely amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment failed. Anything else?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.