

about plans in general, a lot of lawyers said, or had a suspicion, that Douglas County and Lancaster County were going to try to steal their judges. And I said, that is not what it is all about. What can I do to alleviate that fear? What reasonable thing can I do? And she said, well, get them in separate districts. Get Lancaster County in a separate district and get Douglas County in a separate district, then we don't have to worry about our election districts, at least. We know they are not going to juggle election district boundaries to grab up more judges from the surrounding rural areas. And I said, fine, it's not what it's all about, however you want to do it. So I do it this way to protect the rural interests and then the rural interests...other rural interests come in and argue that this is not the way they would have it. Well, I don't care. Senator Marsh has an amendment that divides it up basically along congressional district lines. If the body thinks that makes more sense, if the rural areas close to Lincoln and Omaha don't mind being a part of a district where they are dominated by the big city, that is fine with me. This was done for the rural interests, not for the city interests. Did I answer your question too long? I am sorry.

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, I understood it all along, but Senator Lamb didn't understand it and I thought maybe if you explained it again, he might understand it. I could understand it. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT: There are no other lights for speaking. Senator Beutler, you may close. Oh, excuse me, we have an amendment to the amendment that I didn't know about. The Chair would like to thank Senator Nelson for greeting her own school group which the Chair did not get in to announce. They have left the balcony, but it will be recorded that 35 fifth graders from Stolley Park School in Grand Island with teacher came in and visited us this morning. Go ahead, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the Beutler amendment. Senator, I understand it is very similar to the one you had offered earlier. (Lamb amendment appears on page 2222 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, if you will