

look on page 2188 of the Journal, I am offering this amendment to the Beutler amendment. This is similar to the one I offered the other day which would make this judicial commission advisory. Let this commission come in with a plan and let the Legislature actually change the districts. This is the way it should be. This is a committee which has expertise in the area headed up by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Now instead of having that commission establish the rules and then it has the force of law, this would allow that commission to decide what their recommendations would be, present it to the Legislature and then let the Legislature have the final say about what happens. Let's not say that the Legislature is unable to legislate. That is exactly what Senator Beutler is saying. He is saying this body is unable to do what it should do. I think this plan would then combine the best of both plans. It combines the best of the Beutler proposal which would allow this commission to come up with recommendations and, therefore, the Legislature would have the results of that expertise in deciding what should be done. It makes sense to me. I think it should make sense to all of you. But let's not abdicate our responsibilities, but let's do establish this commission which Senator Beutler is suggesting we should have, but not give them complete authority to redraw the lines because as had been previously indicated in the Constitution, there is a statement that the Legislature may alter the boundaries of judicial districts. It does not say that a commission can do it. With this plan, we will have the best of both worlds. I ask that you adopt my amendment to the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler and then Senator Nichol and Remmers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I guess Senator Lamb is rehashing old arguments and I suppose that is the best I can do too at this point in time because all the arguments I think have been laid in front of you. But I think that what Senator Lamb is suggesting to you once again is no solution rather than a solution. Advisory commissions are nice but that is not what this bill is all about. The bill is about getting something done, getting something done. And it doesn't give the Supreme Court the final authority. It gives the authority to experts within the system. You know, here again and again we hear that we need to make government more