

would like to recognize you and welcome you. Discussion on the Marsh amendment, please. Anyone wish to speak on the Marsh amendment? Senator Beutler, I assume you wish to speak on the Marsh amendment, do you? You are recognized. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, first of all just in a technical sense, the amendments are drawn up as an amendment to I guess as an amendment to my...to the standing committee amendments, so in terms of page...originally there were...okay, but the page references are still keyed to the old amendment? Okay. I simply cannot analyze in a technical sense what it does in that the page numbers are keyed differently and I cannot follow it. So I guess first of all I would that it could be put into a different form and perhaps done on Select File. But with regard to the three district breakdown, as I indicated to you before, I am not married to any particular breakdown. This particular breakdown has not been recommended to me or to the committee in the five years that we have been dealing with it. If somehow this seems to make more sense to you, although it was not recommended by any one of the groups of people that...and they number in the dozens now, that have looked at this particular proposition, you should certainly feel free to go ahead and adopt it. And I don't know if Richardson County and Pawnee County wants to be in with Douglas County or whether Cedar County or Dakota County or those counties want to be in with Omaha. And I, likewise, don't really know whether the outlying counties around Lancaster County want to be in with Lincoln. Now my distinct impression was in talking to the people around the state, in the eastern part of the state, is that they did not want to be part of Lincoln or Omaha. If you think they do, and you all should know better than I do what your individual districts want, then I don't have any particular objection to this particular form. I would point out to you that the second district as proposed by Senator Marsh is a long and narrow district. It will be difficult...it will be much more difficult under this kind of a proposition to readjust boundary lines in a fair kind of way. I don't think that this is nearly as workable as the other proposition. But I will leave that to your judgment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Marsh amendment? Senator Marsh, you may close.