

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. I have heard from a number of different individuals across the state in opposition to the proposal which currently is the amendment which is offered to you as another way to look at and offer a workable solution to resolving the problem with different district lines. There is no magic to this. It simply is an attempt to modify what was drawing opposition, not only in my county, but in various counties across the State of Nebraska. This would allow for flexibility. It does not cross voting district lines, so those would be left intact. The map shows you that there would be less traveling if judges are moved within a district than if you are going from the far southeast corner to the far northwest corner with simply three districts. We have 21 districts now. I think many of us have acknowledged that that is too many, that it is not providing the flexibility which is needed now. If you like the proposal which you have already adopted better, then you will need to vote no on the Marsh amendment. If you feel that this offers some opportunities for flexibility, then you will need to vote yes and the option is up to you. Thank you for your attention.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Marsh amendment to the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. 25 votes required. You are voting on the Marsh amendment to LB 516. The Chair will allow 15 seconds for you to record your vote. The motion is the adoption of the Marsh amendment to LB 516. Please record your vote. Ten seconds. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote. Oh, Senator requested a record vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 2227 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Now what do we have on the bill?

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

PRESIDENT: The bill is now back to a motion to advance, I presume. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I move to advance, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance, which is debatable.