

Bernard-Stevens plan you are definitely breaking up a strong community of interest in my area when you break up in the Platte River area. You're breaking up in Morrill County. You're breaking up such a strong group of people who have been together for years, just like they have in other areas, so the argument can be made in any area of the state that you're doing that. Under the Bernard-Stevens plan we keep all those people together. I still end up, under either plan, I end up with about 12 to 13 thousand people, I think, under the Bernard-Stevens; about 15 thousand under this one so you know, we're going to have to accept new people, but I think that we have to do it with the best interests of the state and I think that, you know, the fact that you're going to have a group of people that are going to be represented by someone who does not live there is something that we just simply should not do. I don't think that that's in the best interests of those people and I don't think it's in the best interest of the state to do that and so, with that, I would oppose the Schrock plan.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I did have this map prepared several days ago. It's probably about the tenth map that I've put together and probably about the third one I've run on the computer. I had one that had a big Sandhills area in it and that didn't seem to meet with approval of some people, and I guess nothing that's going to be presented is going to be perfect, but I did not surprise this map on the people that were involved. I didn't say, Senator Bernard-Stevens, that they all approved of it. But I think at this time maybe it's futile to waste much more of the body's time. I just tried to make a little more sense out of the geographic area of southcentral and southwestern Nebraska. With that, I would urge that we discontinue debate and vote on the issue.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Withem, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, just a clarification. That was...the amendment is still before us, is that correct? Okay. Yes, I just want to make a comment or two, prompted somewhat by Senator Smith's remarks that she made. I think she gave an accurate description to the body of what was discussed in Government Committee regarding the western part of the state that when we