

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I guess my question is why keep Gage whole and split Knox County? Shouldn't the same arguments hold true that we don't want Knox County split either? Knox County's been in...all of Knox County's been in the 1st District for many years and so, Senator Withem, I have a question for you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Withem, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR WITHEM: Certainly.

SENATOR HEFNER: Is this your plan here?

SENATOR WITHEM: No, that's Senator Conway's plan.

SENATOR HEFNER: Oh.

SENATOR WITHEM: My plan leaves Knox County whole. It doesn't leave it in the congressional district where you'd like to have it, but it is...it's whole.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. I got a hold of the wrong map, and did you pass out a map?

SENATOR WITHEM: I did not. I passed it out the other day. I did not pass it out today.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Okay, I apologize for that then, but I would oppose taking all of Knox County and putting it in the 3rd District. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Withem?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair. Senator Hefner, if we'd make Knox County a congressional district all to itself, would that be okay? We'll do that next time. Well, there appears to be some confusion here and, frankly, I don't know what way we're going with this. I think what I have here is a good plan and probably better than the other map I see passed out. Senator Conway will be talking about that in a few moments, but I think