

County. I think we ought to...just makes sense to me to include all of the county, including Madison County, and not split it up and putting Tilden over into one part and leaving the other part into...making it into the 3rd District and the rest of Madison County in the 1st District. It...the numbers pretty well have come out right as I see it and I will see whether there's any comment on this, but I would ask for you to return the bill for adoption of my amendment to include all of Madison County.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Peterson. The speaking order is Senator Withem, Chambers, Abboud, and Bernard-Stevens. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I'm looking, trying to figure out what it does to the numbers at this particular point, Senator Peterson. You know, I'm at the point they...point now where, you know, I'd like...the other day I made some rather joking remarks about reuniting the City of Tilden, which my plan does. You're splitting the City of Tilden again, but I understand that's to keep Madison County whole. The reason we split into Madison County at all was for the purpose of maintaining as close to the zero tolerance as possible and that is, as I understand it, a requirement in congressional districting. So I ask you a question. What does...we now have a point, a minus .09 deviation in the 1st District and a positive .01 deviation in the 3rd District in the plan as written. What does drawing the line along the Madison County line do as far as those deviations are concerned? Excuse me, I have a question, Madam Chair, I have a question I'd like to direct to Senator Peterson.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Yes. Well, if I...adding here just quickly, as it stands now 3rd District would have 526,183. If you put it back into District 1, you'd have 526,297, if I added right, if I'm not....

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR PETERSON: So I would think if I'm...

SENATOR WITHEM: So we're basically taking how many people from, that are on this map here currently that I have drawn into the 3rd District and putting them into the 1st?