

SENATOR PETERSON: I think you're talking about 662.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, so the 3rd District would be about a negative 600 now and the 1st District would be about a positive 100?

SENATOR PETERSON: Right. I think you're right.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I guess I'd leave it to other people to debate this. I have no problem one way or the other on this. It makes the numbers a little less off the tolerance we had, but if the rationale is to maintain county lines I don't know if it makes a lot of difference. I guess I'd let those with a greater degree of expertise in the area of redistricting. I know Senators Conway, Schimek and Coordsen have all attended workshops and all probably are more knowledgeable on whether this endangers our plan in any way, shape or form, but if it doesn't endanger the plan, I don't have a problem with it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Before we proceed with the debate, I would like to direct the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guests of the Legislature tonight are former Lieutenant Governor Nichol and his wife, Ruth, from Scottsbluff. Please rise and be recognized. Welcome back. Thank you. The speaking order is Senator Chambers, Abboud, Bernard-Stevens, Robak, Hefner, and Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature and Senator Withem, who once was a teacher, they say a pun is the lowest form of humor, but I don't have much knowledge about all of this stuff on congressional districts so I resorted to a superstitious move and this is what happened. I looked up there and there was a story about Snow White, about "Mirror, mirror, on the wall", so I said, voting board upon the wall, which plan is the best of all? And I listened and this is what came back. Ron's plan has the proper rhythm; I'd suggest you all get with him. I think I've said about enough.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? Okay. We will