

Legislature...the courts rectify the situation, and they could, in fact, if they chose, do their own districting. And there are other possibilities as well. Certainly that is not a very acceptable one to me. If we...if we did a plan such as is before us now, regardless of whether it's this exact plan, but if we give an odd number to Madison County and we do away with the election certificate holders in the 19th District, certainly they've given every indication that they would then sue, and in your jud...in your opinion that you stated before, which I...again I agree with and I want to reiterate that, your opinion would be that if the people in the 19th District sued because their district is gone, it was your feeling that when they...when they went to the court they would basically say, wait a minute, the court ruled that you have to follow county lines whenever possible, practicable is the word, but for right now, for all practical purposes practicable as possible, there were other plans available that cut...that kept more counties whole in the northeast, therefore, that which we've just passed is unconstitutional. They could also argue, is that not correct, that the entire 614 concept is unconstitutional? Is that where you were going on that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's exactly what I intended to say, yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. So, if we do the plan that's before us now, or any plan that's before us that gives an odd number, the open...the door is wide open for District 19, whether it be Gus Pick, or De Carlson, or anyone else to...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...come forward, put a suit and say, wait a minute, by the court's own dictates there was a plan, or there were plans out there that cut fewer county lines and, therefore, the Legislature had a choice to do so, they chose not to, the plan that they picked was unconstitutional. I think Senator Beutler is absolutely correct, the plans before us now will be thrown out, with the jeopardy of throwing out all of 614, which may happen anyway. The third scenario, and, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask am I the next light that's on?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, you are.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, I'll just, if you don't mind, I'll just continue into that at that process. If we did not do