

found out through discussions with Senator Wickersham that this is no longer the wording in the Nebraska Constitution, that Article V, Section 3 (sic) simply now says the Legislature shall redistrict the state after each federal decennial census which does not, which means we could probably do it now if we wanted to. We can redistrict as often as we want to according to the wording of the Constitution now. The only reason I bring it up is because that's what makes it so difficult for all of us. Even the Attorney General makes mistakes. Even attorneys giving us legal advice make mistakes. It is very difficult to work through this problem because of all of the different facets to it. I would encourage you not to indefinitely postpone this bill at this time, talk about it, look at it, see what happens with Madison County and then go from there. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Bohlke on the motion to indefinitely postpone, on the bill. Senator Schrock on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Pass.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Haberman, did you wish to address your motion again? Senator Elmer, did you wish to address the motion again?

SENATOR ELMER: Mr. Speaker, very briefly. In his opening on the indefinite postpone movement, Senator Haberman mentioned the fact that this split more counties than it did before. And it does not. Red Willow County and Nuckolls County are split in LB 614; in this bill, Furnas and Nuckolls County only. So it does not increase the number of counties that are being divided. It remains the same. And if that is to be a consideration in the discussion of this change that the people want in southwest Nebraska, then that has to be taken in the context of the entire LB 614 plan. If we choose to change LB 614 to maximize the number of counties not split, then we would not have to split any of the southwest counties. But within the context of 614 it's not really very good to adopt a plan that reduces those numbers down there. It just works better this way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Anyone else wishing to discuss the motion to indefinitely postpone? Seeing no one, Senator Haberman, do you wish to close?