

1 BE IT REMEMBERED that commencing on the 17th day  
2 of February, 1966, the House Committee on Legislative  
3 Apportionment again met for public hearing; whereupon  
4 the following proceedings were had.

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6 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Members of the Committee,  
7 I believe we will come to order now.

8 This afternoon we are supposed to consider the  
9 reapportionment plans of the Sedgwick County Delegation  
10 and I will turn the meeting over to Mr. Turner, who has  
11 a map, and I don't know whether he has got anything else  
12 or not, but he has a map.

13 MR. TURNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and  
14 Members of the Committee. We will refer to these maps  
15 as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2. Exhibit 1 is the State  
16 picture and Exhibit 2 is the Sedgwick County picture.  
17 We will use Exhibit 1, the State picture, in order to  
18 show this little area in Sumner County that will be  
19 attached to Sedgwick County, apparently.

20 To begin with, Exhibit 2 is our map of the city  
21 and I will start with that. The different colored  
22 districts on Exhibit 2 indicate the legislative districts.  
23 The largest district is 18,186, the smallest district is  
24 17,223. That is just about all you can say. We haven't  
25 cut any precinct lines. Precinct lines remain intact.

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We have a problem because some of our precincts are much larger than others. To give you an example, Precinct 38 of the 6th Ward is 3,500 people, whereas Precinct 18 of the 6th Ward is 10,056, so this is a problem we are faced with. These precincts again, as I have told you in prior committee meetings, are set on a volume of voters for the voting machines and not the area they encompass. Consequently, that is the reason for some of the odd shapes, but we haven't, as I said, haven't cut precinct lines.

This map shows 18 legislative districts totally within the county, and one joins Sumner County. That district of Sumner County has a total of 17,683 with about 10,000 from Sedgwick County and the remainder made up of Sumner County. Are there any questions?

CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Mr. Golden.

MR. GOLDEN: Jack, I was wondering why you had to cut the Sumner County line?

CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: This was request from the area subcommittee that is working on the maps.

MR. GOLDEN: Is this down in that Mulvane territory?

MR. TURNER: Mulvane is a small town that lies on the border in Rockford Township. Part of Mulvane is in Sedgwick County, part of it is in Sumner County.

1 This particular map shows Mulvane together in one legis-  
2 lative district.

3 MR. GOLDEN: Thank you.

4 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Did you say that one  
5 precinct had 10,000 people?

6 MR. TURNER: No, 3,500.

7 MR. VAN CLEAVE: I understood you to say  
8 that next one up there had 10,000.

9 MR. TURNER: No, that had 1,056.

10 MR. VAN CLEAVE: I think you may have.  
11 I didn't think it would be possible.

12 MR. FINNEY: Is this agreeable, at least  
13 by majority vote with the delegation from Sedgwick County?

14 MR. TURNER: According to my understanding,  
15 that is the situation. Mr. Griffith and Mr. Loux are  
16 here and I believe will probably have something, and  
17 I would yield to Mr. Griffith.

18 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: We will hear from them  
19 in a minute, Mr. Finney.

20 MR. CUBIT: As I understand, you had 18  
21 representatives allotted to your county; is this right?

22 MR. TURNER: That is right.

23 MR. CUBIT: And when you took this part  
24 of Sumner County, then you added one representative and  
25 this came from the area that my subcommittee worked on;

1 is that right?

2 MR. TURNER: That was at the request of  
3 your subcommittee.

4 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: You can either count  
5 in that yours or you can say Sedgwick has got 19 and you  
6 have got 1 less.

7 MR. CUBIT: We will count it in ours.

8 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: That is right. There  
9 is 18 besides that. Any other questions? Mr. Griffith,  
10 could we hear from you?

11 MR. GRIFFITH: Mr. Chairman and Members  
12 of the Committee, the cold and hot sides of the aisle  
13 have been discussing the general proposal of dividing  
14 up our county there, and being a populace area like this  
15 there was in my mind not a great deal that could be done  
16 as long as a person made the districts as compact and  
17 contiguous as possible and as long as you did not split  
18 precincts and as long as you didn't try to group different  
19 groups of people for various or political reasons. With  
20 these basic guide lines in mind, I think you can look  
21 at this map and see that it is fairly compact and  
22 contiguous.

23 In all sincerity, if I were drawing the map I would  
24 have probably changed a few of the boundary lines here  
25 and a few of the boundary lines there for one reason

1 or the other, but I think the job they have done on it  
2 is acceptable. I think that they have cooperated with  
3 us to a large extent in drawing the boundary lines and  
4 I don't--as far as I am personally concerned and I think  
5 the majority of the members of our delegation feel the  
6 same way, that this map is acceptable to us as far as  
7 Sedgwick County is concerned. I think Jack and his side  
8 of the aisle might be somewhat commended on the fact that  
9 they did try to be fair within the limitations of what  
10 fairness might be. (Laughter)

11 But seriously I think they have done a fairly  
12 acceptable job on it. So that is our position.

13 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Mr. Foster, any of you  
14 gentlemen back there want to expound on this explanation?

15 MR. FOSTER: Not as far as I am concerned,  
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Mr. Bell.

18 MR. BELL: No, the map is acceptable.

19 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Mr. Coldsnow.

20 MR. COLDSNOW: I would second the other  
21 gentleman.

22 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Are there any other  
23 Sedgwick County people I have missed here now?

24 (No response)

25 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Are there any other

1 questions you would like to ask on this map as it has  
2 been presented here to us? I thought I would get Sedg-  
3 wick County out of the way and then we would move to  
4 Sumner.

5 MR. SLOCOMBE: Mr. Chairman, I must have  
6 been looking out the window. How much did he say they  
7 averaged in these districts?

8 MR. VAN CLEAVE: He had 18,000 in one,  
9 17,000 in two.

10 MR. TURNER: That is the widest, eighteen  
11 one and seventeen two.

12 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Any other question you  
13 would like to ask Mr. Turner? If not, now Mr. Turner  
14 told you there that the culmination of a portion of  
15 Sedgwick County and Sumner County has been put together  
16 to form one district, and Mr. Holt here from Sumner  
17 County would like to say something along this line.  
18 Mr. Holt.

19 MR. HOLT: Mr. Chairman, my name is Holt  
20 from Sumner County. I did submit the original plan that  
21 you see on the map that considers Sumner County and  
22 portion of Sumner County that goes to Sedgwick County.  
23 I like to think that we will still have two representa-  
24 tives but I am a little bit doubtful. Since submitting  
25 that original plan I have received a number of telegrams

1 and some calls and some letters from Sumner County  
2 objecting. I did submit an alternate but the Sedgwick  
3 County delegation hasn't had time to consider it. I  
4 just got it in today, and I respectfully request this  
5 committee to consider that alternate plan favorably.  
6 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Mr. Myers.

8 MR. MYERS: Elmer, how much does that  
9 differ in the population now of the two districts that  
10 we are talking about if we took your plan?

11 MR. HOLT: In the alternate plan it would  
12 give the east or the district that Wellington would be  
13 in 15,535. That would be closer than the original plan.  
14 The original plan was 15,683, I believe. I don't have  
15 the maps with me. The Sedgwick County delegation has  
16 them and I am reciting this from memory.

17 MR. FINNEY: I have a question. I don't  
18 have any population figures, papers, here with me.  
19 The remainder of Sumner County on the basis of this plan  
20 has how much population?

21 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Do you know, Mr. Holt?

22 MR. HOLT: That is between 15,553 and  
23 25,053.

24 MR. CUBIT: We calculated that this  
25 morning, Mr. Chairman, and the figure is on the map.

1 I don't recall what it was, but there was an error there  
2 in the figure that was originally on the map. Mr. Turner,  
3 would you look at the--

4 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Mr. Turner, would you  
5 read those figures that are on that map there now?

6 MR. TURNER: Exhibit No. 1 shows Sumner  
7 County, the blue or purple portion, with 17,683 people  
8 in it; this green portion at the top of Sumner County  
9 on Exhibit 1 is 17,748 at this time. It takes Haysville  
10 and part of Rockford Township from Sedgwick County.

11 MR. HOLT: The alternate plan would show  
12 15,553 for the district in the east portion of the  
13 county.

14 MR. TURNER: My understanding is Mr.  
15 Holt's alternate plan that I did see this morning would  
16 stretch this district over like this (indicating).

17 MR. HOLT: Would come straight down there,  
18 almost straight down. It would cut over on a couple of  
19 townships at the top and then come back and straighten  
20 out.

21 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Which district then would  
22 have 15,000 population? Would it be the rest of Sumner  
23 County?

24 MR. HOLT: Would be the east section or  
25 the section that Wellington is in.



1 MR. TURNER: That would give us a district  
2 then, we would be taking what, 2000 more than we have  
3 now?

4 MR. HOLT: Approximately.

5 MR. TURNER: Take us up to 19,748.

6 MR. CUBIT: Mr. Holt, is there good reason  
7 to do this? Is this a different type of economy on this  
8 side of the county?

9 MR. HOLT: It would be more compatible  
10 with the economy in the west section of Sedgwick County.  
11 It would be all farm, approximately all farm land,  
12 ranch land, and I think that is what they have, with  
13 about the equal number of urban residents.

14 MR. TURNER: This area of Sedgwick County  
15 the City of Haysville which is in Salem Township, Ohio  
16 Township only has 417 people in it, it is basically a  
17 farming township, as is Salem Township. That is where  
18 our orchards are located.

19 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Do you have any further  
20 questions? Mr. Finney?

21 MR. FINNEY: Have you figured out which  
22 one is the leading wheat producer in the Wichita area?

23 MR. TURNER: I am glad you asked that  
24 question, Mr. Finney. We have had a problem with the  
25 distinguished gentleman from McPherson and we have

1           undertaken to plant a number of back yards in hopes  
2           that we can get back up to No. 3 in wheat.

3                   CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Are there any other  
4           questions you would like to ask Mr. Holt or Mr. Turner?  
5           I understand Mr. Turner doesn't have his exact figures  
6           yet.

7                   MR. TURNER: These maps are complete as  
8           to the districts. We are having the legals drawn now.  
9           I will say this, this is a fantastic problem and it has  
10          taken the election commissioner and she has a sizeable  
11          portion of her staff drawing legal descriptions and it  
12          has taken her all week and it is quite an undertaking.  
13          If we did this three or four times we would be here until  
14          July.

15                   CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I am sure that he is  
16          correct when he said it is a fantastic problem. If you  
17          will notice, Wyandotte was presented to us quite a few  
18          days ago and we just today got it wrote up. Now, the  
19          reviser of statutes, when they start working, will still  
20          have trouble because they will run into something that  
21          doesn't jibe so they have to communicate with the city  
22          to be sure they are correct, and these cities are a  
23          real problem when it comes to drawing lines for districts.  
24          Are there any other questions? If there are no further  
25          questions, we will adjourn for the day. Tomorrow we hope

1 to hear from Johnson County.

2 MR. MYERS: Mr. Chairman, will that be  
3 after lunch tomorrow or before?

4 CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: That will be after lunch,  
5 1:30. We will stand adjourned if there are no further  
6 questions.

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9 BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 18th day of February,  
10 1966, the House Committee on Legislative Apportionment  
11 again met for public hearing; whereupon the following  
12 proceedings were had.

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14 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We will come to order.  
15 I know that we all want to get home and this is going to  
16 be a brief meeting. So without further ado, you know the  
17 purpose of this meeting is to present the Johnson County  
18 maps. I will call on Mr. Ken Howard to present the map  
19 that he is interested in.

20 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman and Members of  
21 the Committee, I have here on the board one copy and  
22 another copy here of the map that was just completed  
23 last night by the delegation, and it corresponds with  
24 these figures. The district numbers aren't on this map  
25 but the population is. We go from a population of