

1 like a--

2 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I will try and visit with
3 these three fellow on this one, because this is in my
4 territory up there and we will try to have something on
5 that in the morning. If there is no other business, we
6 will stand adjourned until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

7 (Thereupon adjournment was taken until
8 February 23, 1966, at 9:00 a.m.)

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13 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I think we will call
14 the meeting to order. We need a subcommittee to be work-
15 ing on that area yesterday, Republic, Cloud and Washington
16 and bring in a report just as soon as they can and report
17 back to this committee. This is the time table this
18 morning, as far as I know. We will meet now and recess
19 at 10:00 o'clock and reconvene at maybe 10:30 and work
20 until noon and we will see how far along we are at that
21 time. But I would like to appoint on this subcommittee
22 Mr. Boyd, Mr. Crow and Mr. Turner and in a few minutes or
23 anytime they can go over in some other room and work out
24 that district, if they will. We don't have anything of
25 a general nature to come before here ready for adoption

1 until we have these committee reports. We have one sub-
2 committee ready to report but they are not all here.
3 Mr. Golden and Mr. Finney are not here yet and they were
4 both on different subcommittees. So you might as well
5 adjourn to some other room around here and work that out,
6 if you will, you three. In the meantime, if you don't
7 mind, Mr. Fatzer has something he would like to present
8 to this committee and we will listen to him at this time.

9 MR. FATZER: Mr. Chairman and Members of
10 the Committee. I have a little different version of the
11 plan other than what is now on deck.

12 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
13 record and adjournment was taken until 10:35 a.m.)

14 MR. GOLDEN: I have a statement I would
15 like to have recorded in the record. On the map of the
16 State of Kansas you will note in the northwest corner in
17 the 39th Senatorial District there are ten counties with
18 representatives from four of the districts being Democrats,
19 six Republicans. All ten of the gentlemen got together
20 at a meeting, which I called, and I asked them to submit
21 a map. Then we met the following day. The map was sub-
22 mitted and eight out of ten maps submitted were exactly
23 alike. And this is the way the district is comprised now.
24 I have a mimeographed copy of the statement that was used
25 in contacting the various counties and presented during

1 our hearing and I will quote it. "A suggested reapportion-
2 ment of representative districts in the 39th Senatorial
3 District, complete with the Senatorial lines, January
4 25, 1966, suggested by the Chairman, Golden, and eight of
5 the ten representatives. The counties in the three dis-
6 tricts are Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur and the northern
7 seven townships in Sheridan County, which comprise a
8 population of 16,978 people, or off the median of the
9 state of 3.43 per cent.

10 "The second district comprises the counties of Wallace,
11 Sherman and Thomas with a population of 17,138, or 2.6
12 per cent off the state average.

13 "The third district comprises the counties of Logan,
14 Gove, Trego and the balance of Sheridan, with a population
15 average of 17,069 people or 2.97 percent off the state
16 average.

17 "The townships in Sheridan County, which will be in-
18 cluded with the northern district, are Sheridan, Adell,
19 Prairie Dog, Bloomfield, Union, Sheldon and two that have
20 been scattered in the present, comprising the population
21 of 1,257 people."

22 We would call attention to the fact that the popula-
23 tion of the 39th Senatorial District is 51,175 people,
24 and that one-fortieth of the total state population is
25 54,945 people. Hence, our Senatorial District is 3,770

1 short in population, which is an area of approximately of
2 seven per cent. We note also that this plan stays within
3 the county lines with the exception of seven northern
4 townships in Sheridan County.

5 Ladies and Gentlemen of this committee, I believe
6 that this is the best that we can do for northwest Kansas
7 and for our area and, boy, I tell you, it tears me up,
8 it really does. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Thank you, Mr. Golden.
10 Do you want to move the adoption of that?

11 MR. GOLDEN: I move the adoption of this
12 report.

13 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Is there a second?

14 MR. BUNTEN: It is seconded.

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: It has been moved and
16 seconded that we adopt this area as a final report on this
17 section. All those in favor say aye; all those opposed
18 no.

19 Motion is carried and so ordered.

20 At this time I want to excuse those gentlemen from
21 northeast Kansas up there, Mr. Geiger.

22 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
23 record.)

24 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Heath has a subcom-
25 mittee report.

1 MR. HEATH: Mr. Chairman, your committee,
2 composed of Representative Heath, Golden and Rogg being
3 further requested to make further study of the proposed
4 legislative reapportionment of Smith, Osborne, Jewell,
5 Mitchell and Lincoln Counties submits the following report.

6 The delegation from Jewell and Republic Counties
7 made a very fine presentation of their case. Representa-
8 tive Robinson presented a good case to the subcommittee
9 in regard to Osborne County. We as a subcommittee would
10 be very happy if we could give them what they wanted;
11 however, we deem it advisable to keep the districts as
12 drawn.

13 When you start changing a district, it involves other
14 districts and it could become an endless task. We realize
15 districts may not be perfect but we feel they have been
16 fairly and honestly drawn.

17 If there is no question, I would move the adoption
18 of the report.

19 MR. ROGG: I would second that motion.

20 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Any questions?

21 MR. HOWARD: I don't know they are referred
22 to as drawn--do we have how they are as drawn?

23 CHAIRMAN MEEK: What was the exhibit?

24 MR. HEATH: Exhibit A.

25 CHAIRMAN MEEK: On the map.

1 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Is it all right to
2 include that?

3 MR. HEATH: Exhibit A?

4 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

5 MR. HEATH: We will include that in the
6 report.

7 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Those in favor of accepting
8 this report signify by saying aye; those opposed no.

9 (The motion was carried unanimously.)

10 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Heath, you and Mr.
11 Joseph and Mrs. Newell were on another subcommittee; is
12 that correct?

13 MR. JOSEPH: It is completed but we haven't
14 written it up yet.

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Boyd, you were on a
16 subcommittee on Republic and Cloud.

17 MR. BOYD: Not quite ready to report yet.

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We have a request, I
19 would like to make a change in the district that is
20 comprised of Norton, Graham, part of Rooks, as it is on
21 the map, Exhibit A. That was a real small district,
22 15,000 and something. Dr. Beasley, would you check that
23 population on that map?

24 DR. BEASLEY: 15,816.

25 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We had a request to move

1 Farmington Township and Stockton Township, exclusive of
2 the City of Stockton, out of Rooks County and over into
3 this district--well, Rooks County will be included in part
4 of it so it isn't out of Rooks County. It's just out
5 that district to the east into this district to the west
6 in order to balance the numbers up a little bit better.
7 Is there any comment on that?

8 MR. HOWARD: What will that make the
9 population?

10 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Do you have those?

11 DR. BEASLEY: Farmington you say?

12 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Farmington and Stockton
13 Township. Here is a note here says it would make a
14 population of 16,078 in the west district. I hadn't
15 noticed this.

16 DR. BEASLEY: It would move 262 people
17 out.

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: That is pretty close then.

19 MR. HOWARD: What percentage then will
20 that be off the state average, below the state average?

21 CHAIRMAN MEEK: It would be above 16.

22 MR. HOWARD: About eight per cent below.

23 (Thereupon general discussion was had
24 off the record.)

25 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Any question on this or

1 any objection to it? If there is no objection, we will--

2 MR. HOWARD: Are these people in that
3 other area, is there any objection?

4 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Apparently not. I talked
5 to Francis Jacobs. It was just a fact it was so small,
6 just balance it a little better. Doctor, if you will make
7 a note of that and give it to the reviser.

8 Mr. Boyd, are you ready to report?

9 MR. BOYD: Your subcommittee composed of
10 Boyd and Turner suggests that three townships in Republic
11 County be transferred from the Republic-Cloud County
12 District to Washington and Republic County District, the
13 sole reason being the difference in population. Before
14 we considered this, the variation in population between
15 the two proposed districts is 457 and as they stand now
16 by transferring these three townships we have a variation
17 of 112.

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Do you have a map in front
19 of you?

20 MR. BOYD: Yes, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Would you read the names
22 of the townships.

23 MR. BOYD: Lincoln, Grant, Ellis.

24 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Out of the original district?

25 MR. BOYD: Yes, they are out of the Cloud-

1 Republic District into the Washington-Republic District.

2 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The problem here, Mr.
3 Boyd, is that I don't believe that shows on that map
4 over there, does it? That doesn't show on any official
5 map or unofficial map that we have drawn up, so I believe
6 I would like to suggest that you submit the names of the
7 townships in Republic County that are in each district
8 and then it will be clear.

9 MR. BOYD: I will have to read them off.
10 The townships in the Republic-Cloud District--I can't
11 read all of this--

12 MR. TURNER: I have got them. Big Bend--

13 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Which district is that
14 in?

15 MR. TURNER: This is in the Republic-
16 Cloud County District. Big Bend Township, the City of
17 Republic, Washington Township, White Rock Township,
18 Union Township, Courtland Township, Courtland City,
19 Scandia, Scandia City, Beaver and Norway, and Cloud County.

20 In the other district, that would be the Washington
21 County-Republic County area, the City of Belleville,
22 Washington County, and then in Republic County the follow-
23 ing townships and cities: Liberty Township, Freedom
24 Township, Rose Creek Township, Munden City, Fairview
25 Township, Narka Township, Albion Township, Farmington

1 Township, the City of Cuba, Richland Township, Elk Creek
2 Township and Agenda Township, together with Lincoln Town-
3 ship, Grant Township, Belleville Township and Jefferson
4 Township.

5 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Does that make a straight
6 line just from north to south right down across the county?

7 MR. BOYD: Down to the Cloud County line.

8 CHAIRMAN MEEK: From the Nebraska line
9 to the Cloud County line?

10 MR. BOYD: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Thank you. Here is a
12 question.

13 MR. HOWARD: What is the population of
14 this district?

15 MR. BOYD: As they stand now?

16 MR. HOWARD: As changed.

17 MR. BOYD: 17,387, 17,409. 17,387 Repub-
18 lic and Cloud, and Washington and Republic is the other,
19 a difference of 112.

20 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Would you like to move
21 the adoption of this report?

22 MR. BOYD: I would so move.

23 MR. TURNER: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN MEEK: It is moved and seconded
25 that this report be accepted and adopted. Those in favor

1 say aye; those opposed no.

2 (The motion was carried unanimously.)

3 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The ayes have it, the
4 motion is carried and it is so ordered.

5 Mr. Slocombe, are you ready to report?

6 MR. SLOCOMBE: We have asked for a little
7 more time. Mr. Finney and Mr. Dempsey and I have a little
8 disagreement on what Mr. Finney's opinion was and so we
9 will ask for a little more time to either locate him or
10 else we can make a little other arrangements with Mr.
11 Dempsey.

12 CHAIRMAN MEEK: All right.

13 (Thereupon general discussion was had
14 off the record.)

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Heath, would you like
16 to report on your subcommittee?

17 MR. HEATH: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we haven't
18 written it up. This subcommittee was composed of Repre-
19 sentative Heath, Newell and Joseph and we report as
20 follows: Mr. Fatzer has graciously withdrawn his plan
21 and we will accept the plan which I guess is known as
22 Exhibit A.

23 CHAIRMAN MEEK: That area?

24 MR. HEATH: Yes. Are there any questions?

25 MR. HOWARD: What is the size of that?

1 MR. MEEK: They are over there. There is
2 no change.

3 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
4 record.)

5 MR. HEATH: If there are no questions, I
6 would move the adoption of the subcommittee report.

7 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The subcommittee has
8 reported that there is no change from the original plan,
9 and as a report, Mr. Heath has moved the adoption of that
10 report. Is there a second?

11 MR. TURNER: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN MEEK: All those in favor say
13 aye; those opposed no.

14 (Motion was carried unanimously.)

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The ayes have it; motion
16 is carried and so ordered.

17 Mr. Slocombe wants more time on his report. Yes, sir,
18 Mr. Dempsey.

19 MR. DEMPSEY: I don't know whether time
20 is going to be in the element in this thing or not. All
21 I have to report is that we had a subcommittee meeting
22 yesterday where we unanimously agreed to have a report
23 to make which was based on the thinking and the suggestion
24 that I had made. It so happens that one of the members
25 of this committee is not here. So, this is the first time

1 that I have seen that all members of a subcommittee have
2 to be present before a report can be made. At the present
3 time I am told that somebody has gotten somebody and has
4 asked that this remain as is on the wall, the map.

5 As I have said before, I have served my district
6 which is normally Republican and I have tried to not in-
7 ject politics into my endeavors in the Legislature, but
8 it certainly looks like politics is being engendered into
9 this, and overnight somebody has suggested that they pay
10 no attention to the subcommittee report and that we leave
11 the map as it is.

12 Now, if that is the way subcommittees are to report
13 and function, please count me out of it, and I have never
14 yet tried to apportion my county in respect to politics.
15 I have never conversed with my Democratic County Chairman
16 in Leavenworth County, as of now, and I hate to see this
17 done by some party chairman in the county without consult-
18 ing me, who is a member of this committee, and who the
19 chairman of this committee left Leavenworth County open
20 on the map for us to work out a plan, and I was never
21 consulted as to what procedure was, we had it worked out,
22 we were ready to submit it and all of a sudden this map
23 appears. Now, if that is the way things are going to be
24 worked out, please don't appoint me on any more subcom-
25 mittees and just go ahead and apportion Leavenworth County.

1 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We had had no report from
2 this committee.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: It was very easy to say
4 "Have you reported?" We could have been contacted to see
5 if we had reported.

6 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Finney was not here
7 this morning. I had no report from you. I thought we
8 needed another member on the committee.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Slocombe was the chair-
10 man of it.

11 MR. SLOCOMBE: Mr. Dempsey, I hope you
12 may be misunderstood, the purpose of having this committee
13 was to come to an agreement. Now, it would be very easy
14 if you talk about politics for this committee to over-
15 ride the subcommittee's report, but I am doing my very
16 best to do what is best for you and like you would like
17 to have it. That is why I am asking for a delay so that
18 we may contact Mr. Finney to see if that is exactly what
19 he said.

20 MR. DEMPSEY: My only question is, does
21 it take three in a committee to make a report. The
22 chairman of the committee is here and two members of the
23 committee.

24 MR. SLOCOMBE: If we wanted to play real
25 politics we could just make a report and this committee

1 vote it down. We are trying to avoid that very thing.
2 We want this thing to run as smoothly as possible.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: I am saying politics has
4 been engendered into it and you are not denying it has.

5 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Let me ask you, Mr.
6 Dempsey, what do those changes involve that you propose,
7 that you mentioned?

8 MR. DEMPSEY: The changes proposed puts
9 the City of Tonganoxie with 1,583 votes back in--

10 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Votes or people?

11 MR. DEMPSEY: People, with 1,583 people
12 back with the Township of Tonganoxie into the area that
13 goes into Jefferson County. The area in Sherman Township
14 comprising 1,240 votes would revert back to Leavenworth
15 County, making a net gain of 343 votes for Jefferson
16 County.

17 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Twelve hundred and how many?

18 MR. DEMPSEY: 1,240 in Sherman Township.
19 against 1,583 in the City of Tonganoxie.

20 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Now, inasmuch as politics
21 has been injected in here, I would like to suggest, if
22 I might, that Mr. Boyd and Mr. Graber go down to the
23 Secretary of State's Office, bring us the vote on the
24 City of Tonganoxie and Sherman Township out of Leavenworth
25 County.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: And they are strong Repub-
2 licans all of them.

3 CHAIRMAN MEEK: That is what I want to
4 know, if there is a difference in politics.

5 MR. DEMPSEY: I don't think there is a
6 bit of difference.

7 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I thought that was the
8 point.

9 MR. DEMPSEY: I am saying politics has
10 been engendered as putting these back in as far as other
11 areas of the county.

12 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I will tell you what I
13 heard, Mr. Dempsey. I am not a member of the subcommittee
14 or anything, but this is the point I heard and I talked
15 to John Bower about it and that was that the City of
16 Tonganoxie has a population partially or composed of
17 people from Kansas City who work in Kansas City, that
18 Sherman Township would be a more harmonious area to
19 incorporate with Jefferson County; that it would be more
20 of the type of people. That is the only reasoning I heard
21 on it. There was no politics in that. That is why I
22 raised this question.

23 MR. DEMPSEY: Why didn't you come to
24 me and ask me about something like that? I live in it
25 and I represented them for 12 years in the Legislature.

1 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Dempsey, I don't know
2 why they didn't come to you or anything of the kind.
3 But that is--

4 MR. DEMPSEY: They work in Lawrence and
5 they work in other areas as far as that is concerned, as
6 far as the people in Tonganoxie are concerned.

7 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Van Cleave.

8 MR. VAN CLEAVE: I talked to Representa-
9 tive Finney last night and he told me they had unanimously
10 agreed. I didn't ask him what they had agreed upon, but
11 he said the subcommittee was an easy subcommittee to work
12 on.

13 MR. SLOCOMBE: We had no quarrel; right.
14 We did not agree to make any report.

15 MR. VAN CLEAVE: I didn't ask him about
16 agreeing to make report. He just said, "We unanimously
17 agreed."

18 MR. SLOCOMBE: I would like Mr. Finney
19 here and work this out a little more peacefully rather
20 than inject politics.

21 In the interest of helping everybody concerned, I
22 would like to have this ironed out rather than having it
23 voted down by the committee.

24 MR. CUBIT: Could we move on into some
25 other area?

1 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Yes, we will do that.
2 Mr. Fatzer has a statement he would like to incorporate
3 into the record. He has withdrawn his objection to the
4 district but he would like to incorporate this statement
5 in the record. Is there any objection?

6 MR. VAN CLEAVE: What statement?

7 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I don't know. Is there
8 any objection? How long is this, Mr. Fatzer?

9 MR. FATZER: Will be short.

10 CHAIRMAN MEEK: You may proceed.

11 MR. FATZER: Mr. Chairman, Members of
12 the Committee. At the meeting of the subcommittee and
13 myself I withdrew what is known as the Fatzer Plan. The
14 plan was offered in good faith and had time permitted to
15 balance the populated areas in Kansas, in Central Kansas
16 to the more rural areas. I want to point this out to the
17 committee that Edwards County-Pratt ratio is 2.7 votes
18 to one in Edwards County to one in Pratt. I would like
19 to point out that in Kiowa County the weight of voting is
20 2.64 as compared to one in Pratt. In Stafford County,
21 adjoining counties, the weight of voting is 1.65 as com-
22 pared to one in Pratt, and in Comanche County the weight
23 of voting is 3.38 as compared to one in Pratt, and that
24 these disparities do exist; that I do withdraw my objection
25 and I thank you very much.

1 MR. HOWARD: What are you talking about
2 on the weight of voting? What does that mean?

3 MR. FATZER: This means that for two
4 people, 2.7 people in Edwards County--2.2 people in
5 Edwards County there will be 1.2 to balance from the
6 rural areas and against this industrial city.

7 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
8 record.)

9 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I am going to recess now
10 for 15 minutes and we will try and get these reports ready
11 that are out. This report from Northeast Kansas and the
12 report from Leavenworth County.

13 (Thereupon a recess was taken until 11:30
14 a.m.)

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Boyd, are you ready
16 with your report from the Secretary of State's Office?
17 This is the City of Tonganoxie and Sherman Township.

18 MR. BOYD: We went to the Secretary of
19 State's Office and within the last election for the Office
20 of Secretary of State Sherman Township was 191 votes
21 Republican, 198 Democrat. The City of Tonganoxie 329
22 votes were cast for Republican candidates, 298 for Democrat
23 candidates.

24 MR. DEMPSEY: When it comes to local
25 politics, it is the other way.

1 MR. SLOCOMBE: Mr. Chairman, I don't know
2 what happened to our other committee member, and he isn't
3 here to defend himself if he wanted to make any other
4 decision, but I will move that we accept the suggestion
5 of Representative Dempsey which would be putting Sherman
6 Township west, Tonganoxie east--is that right, sir?

7 MR. HEATH: Vice versa.

8 MR. SLOCOMBE: Sherman east, Tonganoxie
9 west. That is my motion and we changed the map as on
10 the board.

11 CHAIRMAN MEEK: And accept the rest of
12 it?

13 MR. SLOCOMBE: And accept it as is.

14 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Do you all understand
15 what this is, that Sherman Township--this is in order to
16 cut a straight line there, Sherman Township would be
17 moved east, the City of Tonganoxie would be moved into
18 the west district which includes Jefferson County.

19 DR. BEASLEY: Are you going to include
20 Reno, Mr. Chairman?

21 MR. SLOCOMBE: Draw a straight line right
22 down and put Sherman to the right and Tonganoxie--

23 CHAIRMAN MEEK: To the west.

24 MR. CUBIT: I would like to ask Ambrose
25 if that would make Tonganoxie the biggest town in that

1 district.

2 CHAIRMAN MEEK: No, all of Jefferson County
3 is in there.

4 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
5 record.)

6 MR. SLOCOMBE: I urge you to vote for
7 this motion. If anyone wants to make a change, you can
8 do it on the floor. We would like to get these reports
9 in so we might get the typists busy so we may have this
10 bill introduced tomorrow.

11 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Do you second that, Mr.
12 Dempsey?

13 MR. DEMPSEY: I will second that.

14 MR. HOWARD: What are the figures on those
15 two districts?

16 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
17 record.)

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: All those in favor of
19 the motion say aye.

20 (The motion was carried unanimously.)

21 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The ayes have it, it is
22 so ordered. The motion is carried.

23 Mr. Euler, would you like to present the map from
24 the northeast corner?

25 MR. EULER: Mr. Chairman and Members of

1 the Committee. Most of what I say will be referring back
2 to the map which is numbered 1 in the series I gave you
3 yesterday and it is in your proceedings as Exhibit No. 5.
4 The subcommittee met with the representatives in this
5 area affected and although there is some dissatisfaction
6 with what I am going to state here, generally it has been
7 agreed and I have been authorized to report to the commit-
8 tee as I am now going to.

9 On Exhibit No. 5, the northeast district, Doniphan
10 County and parts of Atchison and Brown would remain the
11 same, with 17,079 people in it. The Atchison County Dis-
12 trict, colored in green--you don't have the color--would
13 be the major part of Atchison City, 16,285 people would
14 remain the same, and the Jackson County with parts of
15 Nemaha, Brown and Atchison with 16,378 people would remain
16 the same, and then the north district, which on your map
17 shows 16,229 people and comprising parts of Nemaha and
18 Brown County would be altered to this extent: Included
19 in this district on the west would be those two northwest
20 townships in Nemaha County, Clear Creek and Marion. Clear
21 Creek with a population of 293, Marion with a population
22 of 597, which would then give that district 17,119 people.

23 Now moving over into this Marshall County area, since
24 this does not affect your plans with reference to Marshall
25 County, I think the population figures show Marshall County

1 with a total population of 15,189, To this the subcom-
2 mittee has suggested that you add the Nemaha County Town-
3 ships of Center, Home, exclusive of the City of Centralia
4 and Neuchatel. Home has got 253 persons, Neuchatel 253.
5 Neuchatel has got 200, and I don't have that figure here-
6 Center has got 326. Also to the Marshall County District
7 you would add from Riley County the two north townships,
8 Swede Creek of 234 people and the Township of May Day
9 with 188.

10 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Would you give Mr. Cubit
11 the information on Riley County.

12 MR. EULER: Going back to Riley County,
13 you would add to Marshall County the two townships in
14 Riley County, Swede Creek with 234 people and May Day with
15 188. This would then make a total population in that
16 Marshall County District of 16,390 people. I think that
17 concludes the report unless there are questions.

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Thank you, Mr. Euler.
19 Any questions that you would like to ask Mr. Euler? Mr.
20 Yunghans?

21 MR. YUNGHANS: I didn't have any questions.
22 I would like to give a minority report.

23 CHAIRMAN MEEK: What was your question,
24 Ken?

25 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
record.)

1 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Any other questions?

2 (No response)

3 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Golden.

4 MR. GOLDEN: The plan presented by Mr.
5 Euler, which is Exhibit No. 5, is an equitable plan in
6 my opinion. It has a good population average, it keeps
7 counties intact as much as possible, and, therefore, I
8 move that Exhibit No. 5 be accepted for the reapportion-
9 ing of the northeast part of Kansas.

10 MR. TURNER: Exhibit No. 5 as amended?

11 MR. GOLDEN: As amended by your committee.

12 MR. EULER: And I think the record makes
13 that clear.

14 MR. TURNER: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: It has been moved and
16 seconded.

17 MR. MYERS: Just a minute.

18 MR. YUNGHANS: I am sorry, I don't have
19 the map prepared here. It is coming. But, of course, I
20 am not arguing with Jack. I think that his is the second
21 best plan, it would seem, and I hate to hesitate with
22 my good friend John Golden, but it seems to me it is real
23 important, the objection to so many maps is the identity
24 of counties. In this five-county area of Northeast Kansas
25 that Mr. Euler has it destroys the identity of both

1 Nemaha and Brown. I have a map that would preserve the
2 identity of Nemaha and still leave Brown. The map that
3 I have would let Nemaha County retain an identity, Jack-
4 son County, Atchison and Doniphan. In other words four
5 out of five counties. Like I said, I am sorry, the map
6 is coming in and I don't have it to show you now. The
7 population for all districts is above 16,000 and although
8 I hesitate to ask you to delay this to see the map, why,
9 I would appreciate it if we had time to look at it in
10 more detail than I would prefer to try to explain it
11 here standing before you.

12 MR. HOWARD: Is that being prepared?

13 MR. YUNGHANS: It is being prepared.

14 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
15 record.)

16 MR. GOLDEN: Mr. Chairman, I renew my
17 motion to accept the Euler Plan, Exhibit No. 5.

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I don't like to cut off
19 the bait here. I don't like to do something without hear-
20 ing these people who are so concerned over this. We are
21 going to have to take action on this, so let's all be
22 here and be here on time. We have to get this done and
23 down to the reviser. So we will stand recessed until
24 1:30.

25 (Thereupon the noon recess was taken until

1 1:30 p.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Yunghans, would you
3 like to proceed with your argument?

4 MR. YUNGHANS: Mr. Chairman, have I
5 adequately supplied the members? Is there any member
6 that doesn't have a copy of the map?

7 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Shall we designate Yung-
8 hans map as Exhibit 8.

9 (Thereupon Exhibit 8 was marked by the
10 reporter for identification.)

11 MR. YUNGHANS: All I would do in conclu-
12 sion with my presenting of the map is to ask you to
13 consider this one point, that this map maintains the
14 identity of four counties out of the five rather than
15 three out of the five. That is all I have to say.

16 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Thank you.

17 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Mr. Chairman, referring
18 to Exhibit 8, you say this preserves identity of four
19 out of the five?

20 MR. YUNGHANS: Four out of the five
21 counties.

22 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Which are those counties?

23 MR. YUNGHANS: Nemaha, Jackson, Doniphan
24 and Atchison.

25 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Yunghans, I have a

1 line across Atchison County.

2 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
3 record.)

4 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Anyone have any questions
5 they would like to ask Bob?

6 (No response)

7 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Geiger? Do you want
8 to present yours as Exhibit 9?

9 MR. GEIGER: Okay.

10 (Thereupon Exhibit 9 was marked by the
11 reporter for identification.)

12 MR. GEIGER: Okay. My name is written,
13 not printed, down in the left-hand corner.

14 CHAIRMAN MEEK: That is Exhibit 9, Mr.
15 Geiger.

16 MR. GEIGER: I think Mr. Yunghans pretty
17 much stated my case. If I recollect his testimony there,
18 he says four out of five counties retained their identity,
19 and I will give you one guess whose does it. Out of those
20 five counties I happen to have the second largest, 14,477
21 people. Now, I don't know whether this is political
22 expediency or exactly what is going on here, but I would
23 like to have someone give me sometime a reasonable excuse
24 for cutting my county up in three ways, sending it three
25 different directions, when we have the second largest

1 county in that particular group. I have no complaint in
2 the world about giving Atchison County a district, period.
3 My map will show that. But I think in the matter of
4 decency or something, name it whatever you want to, that
5 we shouldn't be cut up but into two pieces. I don't even
6 think I am being unreasonable at all about that.

7 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Van Cleave.

8 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Mr. Geiger, is there any
9 way that you know of in this northeast area of Marshall
10 County, Nemaha County, Jackson County, Brown County,
11 Doniphan County, Atchison County, is there any type of
12 compromise that all of you can live with?

13 MR. GEIGER: I have already just made the
14 statement, Mr. Van Cleave, that I would be very happy to
15 accept it. I don't like it, of course, to have my county
16 cut up in two ways, but at least we could start to live
17 with that. As far as retaining our identities, out of
18 the six counties, here, of course, I was sort of lead to
19 believe--that doesn't really enter into it too much--
20 Marshall County will still retain its identity, Jackson,
21 Doniphan would, and of course Atchison would have a
22 complete district over there and there would be two of
23 us cut up. My map will show Brown County cut right down
24 through the center as nearly as you can do that, which
25 means it would be roughly around 7,000 people in each

1 area. I can't say that that is retaining our identity
2 even at that.

3 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Mr. Chairman, on this
4 map, Doc, Nemaha is cut up three ways; is that right?

5 MR. GEIGER: That is right.

6 MR. VAN CLEAVE: As I understand it, all
7 of the representatives involved have been working at this
8 matter and there is no way that you know of that you can
9 come up with a plan suitable to all of you; is that right?

10 MR. GEIGER: No. I think that is an
11 impossibility.

12 MR. JOSEPH: You would rather have it
13 yes or no or a compromise? See, here, if you fellows can
14 get together, we would rather vote on that or the other,
15 rather, those of us that are not in the area. Your plan
16 may win and may not. I don't know.

17 MR. GEIGER: Out of those six people, I
18 don't believe there was any vote.

19 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Any vote did you say?

20 MR. GEIGER: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We have had so many plans
22 out of that corner--

23 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
24 record.)

25 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The motion is on this one

1 plan by itself. If it is adopted, that will be the one
2 we will take. If it isn't adopted, we will have to go
3 to another one.

4 MR. GEIGER: I believe Mr. Euler was called
5 upon to make this report and I don't know about Mr. Yung-
6 hans or Mr. Stutz, or even Mr. Nowlin. I can say one
7 thing, Mr. Euler was not representing me.

8 MR. EULER: I did not purport to be.

9 MR. GEIGER: I am assuming, Mr. Chairman,
10 that I had sort of assumed that situation, since you
11 immediately took the thing up and somebody made a motion
12 to accept that plan.

13 CHAIRMAN MEEK: You mean in the other
14 room there, when we were in the other room? I was under
15 the impression that that was the most agreeable plan when
16 I left the room in there, the most agreeable. I knew
17 that you didn't all agree upon it but it was the case of
18 most agreeable or more agreeable. That was the impression
19 I had when we were in the room there awhile ago.

20 MR. EULER: I think it is important that
21 the record and the committee know about the position of
22 representatives in this area that are affected. Now,
23 they are all here, Mr. Nowlin is here, Mr. Stutz and
24 Mr. Yunghans and myself and Doc Geiger, and for the
25 benefit of the record, the report I gave is the plan which

1 I am in agreement with. Now, these other gentlemen can
2 speak for themselves.

3 MR. GEIGER: I think that bears out what
4 I said, I don't believe that this thing--I think it kind
5 of proceeded a little bit fast there since there was not
6 any vote taken, to my knowledge, among the six of us.
7 Another one shook his head back there.

8 MR. HOWARD: Well, how do they feel then?

9 MR. EULER: Mr. Nowlin, why don't you
10 make yourself known here.

11 MR. NOWLIN: Mr. Chairman and Members of
12 the Committee I will agree with Mr. Euler on his plan.
13 That is the one that I like the best of all of them that
14 I have seen. That is the one that is marked No. 5.

15 MR. EULER: As amended.

16 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Gentlemen, I am not sure
17 that this is the right procedure here in front of the
18 whole committee. I think if we would have been doing that
19 we should have proceeded outside the committee and it
20 should have been brought in. You have all been allowed
21 to testify, if you cared to. Is Mr. Stutz in the room?

22 MR. STUTZ: Yes. I haven't got anything
23 I am in favor of the--I thought that is what we agreed
24 on when we met with the subcommittee that we agreed on
25 that, that that is the one we would present.

1 CHAIRMAN MEEK: That was the impression
2 I came out of there with.

3 MR. STUTZ: I don't want to get into
4 politics. If you want to get into politics, the map for
5 my district, the map that Mr. Geiger has would be a lot
6 better for me, if you want to get into politics, but then
7 I don't like it for my county because I want to keep more
8 of the rural part of the county in the district.

9 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Then as I understand it,
10 Mr. Stutz--Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question?

11 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Yes.

12 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Do I understand then
13 what you are stating is you favor the map submitted by
14 Mr. Euler which is marked as Exhibit 5 as amended?

15 MR. STUTZ: Yes, sir.

16 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I am going to call the
17 question.

18 MR. HOWARD: Will this be secret?

19 CHAIRMAN MEEK: If you want it secret.

20 MR. VAN CLEAVE: This is a yes or no vote.
21 This is for the adoption of Mr. Euler's map.

22 MR. GEIGER: I don't believe the whole
23 contingent was exactly called upon to state their opinion.
24 You heard from three people other than me.

25 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Well, we had three.

1 MR. GEIGER: Yes, but there are six.

2 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Originally we started
3 out without Marshall County and then we included it in.

4 MR. GEIGER: That makes six.

5 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We will hear the other
6 two. I don't mind hearing them.

7 MR. GEIGER: Is this a matter to put
8 each one of these boys individually on the spot in front
9 of everyone?

10 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Not necessarily. If they
11 want to testify or indicate how they feel. Dr. Ott.

12 DR. OTT: Mr. Chairman, if I may, Members
13 of the Committee. You haven't heard anything out of
14 me regarding how you were to cut this piece of pie up
15 in the northeast part of Kansas. I have seen a good
16 many maps floating around and I am here to tell you that
17 I could pretty well agree with any of them. I feel that
18 we are all going to have to give a little bit and we are
19 all going to have to take a little bit somewhere along
20 the line. And as long as I don't have to go any farther
21 down than the first two townships in Riley County in this
22 Swede Creek area, I can go along with any of the plans
23 that you have concerning my county, and I would like to
24 have that stated in the record because I am not opposed
25 to anything that you do that is going to work out to the

1 salvation of this thing, and I will be real happy with
2 any of the things that I have seen up to date except
3 going any farther south into Riley County. And I have
4 visited with the representative from Riley County and he
5 said he wouldn't get along with me if I was allowed to
6 go any farther south than the first tier of the townships,
7 too. I would like to keep in good with him, too. But
8 how you take care of the east part of me, I will go along
9 with any of these gentlemen sitting here. I don't think
10 I could be any more fair than that.

11 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Thank you, Carl. Bob,
12 you already expressed yourself. Do you care to express
13 yourself again?

14 MR. YUNGHANS: I will pass.

15 MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Chairman, in order to
16 give them all a fair break on the committee voting on
17 their exhibits, I would make a substitute motion that we
18 vote on Mr. Yunghans' and Mr. Geiger's exhibits before
19 we vote on the motion that Mr. Golden placed and then we
20 would see if we had any support for either one of them,
21 and at least they would feel like they got a clear break
22 on the committee acting on their maps.

23 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Is there a second to the
24 substitute motion?

25 MR. CROW: I will second that.

 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Which one of those did

1 you put first?

2 MR. DEMPSEY: Doesn't make any difference.
3 Just so we vote on both of them prior to John Golden's
4 motion.

5 CHAIRMAN MEEK: There is a substitute
6 motion that those who prefer the Yunghans Plan, that is
7 Exhibit 8, that it be adopted. That is the motion, isn't
8 it? That it be adopted?

9 MR. CUBIT: Do you have a second to that?

10 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Yes.

11 MR. CUBIT: Can I make a substitute?

12 CHAIRMAN MEEK: No, not considered.

13 MR. SLOCOMBE: I thought the motion was
14 to be considered.

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: What was your motion now,
16 state it again, Mr. Dempsey.

17 MR. DEMPSEY: The motion was that we act
18 on these to see the feelings of the committee. I don't
19 see any other way of acting than to vote.

20 CHAIRMAN MEEK: All this is just a motion
21 on this one bill.

22 MR. TURNER: To make it perfectly clear,
23 Mr. Chairman, those in favor of Mr. Dempsey's motion would
24 vote aye; those opposed will vote no?

25 CHAIRMAN MEEK: That is right.

1 MR. CUBIT: We haven't voted upon this
2 motion yet.

3 MR. TURNER: What I was trying to get at
4 is how we were going to vote on it.

5 (Thereupon discussion was had off the
6 record.)

7 MR. EULER: Would you restate the question.

8 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The substitute motion was
9 that we vote favorably or unfavorably on Mr. Yunghans'
10 plan.

11 MR. MYERS: Mr. Chairman, if this carries,
12 that is it; is that right? Is that the way I understand
13 it?

14 MR. HOWARD: Right.

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Let's get this all squared
16 now.

17 (Thereupon vote was taken.)

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The vote is 13 no and
19 3 yes. The motion has failed. We will vote on the Geiger
20 map. We are voting on whether or not we favor the Geiger
21 map, Exhibit No. 9.

22 (Thereupon vote was taken.)

23 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The vote is 14 no and
24 2 yes. We will proceed with the original motion, if you
25 desire to favor Mr. Euler's plan. That is Exhibit what,

1 Exhibit No. 5.

2 (Thereupon the vote was taken.)

3 CHAIRMAN MEEK: 14 yeas and 2 nays and
4 one abstinence. The motion is carried. I almost forgot,
5 we have one more little matter of business here, or
6 request to hear--I don't know how little it is, I didn't
7 mean to demean it or anything, but Mr. Richard Harper
8 had a point he wanted to bring up.

9 MR. HARPER: Mr. Chairman and Members of
10 the Committee, I have only a minor change that I would
11 like to have the committee consider at this time and I
12 haven't prepared any map because it involves only three
13 townships in Crawford County. First of all, my constitu-
14 ents in Bourbon County with a population of 16,100 would
15 much rather be left in a district of their own. But if
16 we do have to pick up additional territory we would rather
17 have the Townships of Walnut and Sherman in Crawford County
18 which is an agricultural area rather than the Township of
19 Lincoln which is a coal mining area. It would be much
20 easier for us to get along together, I think, and repre-
21 sent the one interest rather than the two conflicting
22 economies. The population difference is only 90, so if
23 we would shift Sherman Township over to Bourbon County
24 we would have a population of 17,754 and it would create
25 no problem at all there in Crawford County's population.

1 Now, as I stated, we would much rather leave Bourbon County
2 in one district with 16,100, if we could. These people
3 in Walnut and Sherman Townships are much nearer our
4 agricultural interest than the people in the mining area
5 of Arcadia and Mulberry and Lincoln Township.

6 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Harper, was this
7 presented to Mr. Cubit?

8 MR. HARPER: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Jim, would you like to
10 comment?

11 MR. CUBIT: I might say this, that this
12 was presented to our subcommittee first, I believe, by
13 the Crawford County group and we had no great feeling
14 in it. However, we, I think, left it this way because
15 the feeling in the committee was that Crawford County was
16 the county that was giving up the territory. That is
17 about all I can say. We didn't have any--

18 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Mr. Chairman, was there
19 any disagreement between the two counties?

20 MR. CUBIT: There is a disagreement between
21 the two counties.

22 MR. HARPER: Yes, I think there probably
23 is, but as I stated, there are much smaller districts on
24 the map--several smaller districts on the map than our
25 present 16,100. So we would prefer to be left in a

1 district of our own if at all possible.

2 MR. CUBIT: Dick, what would that leave
3 the remainder of Crawford County outside of Pittsburg?
4 I haven't figured.

5 MR. HARPER: I think you split the City
6 of Pittsburg anyway.

7 MR. TURNER: What would be the size of
8 your district under your plan?

9 MR. HARPER: 17,754, and it is 17,839
10 there now.

11 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Cubit.

12 MR. CUBIT: He means to take the other
13 two townships of Crawford, but I understand him to say
14 they prefer to stay just one county rather than to take
15 Arcadia. Then what would your district be?

16 MR. HARPER: 16,114.

17 MR. CUBIT: We thought that would be too
18 small, and as I say, we had to make the choice between
19 taking the two and Pittsburg had submitted this and it
20 was the subcommittees--I think the only reason that they
21 did this is because Pittsburg is giving it up. Personally,
22 I have no feeling on this myself. If the committee wants
23 to change it, that is up to them.

24 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Myers.

25 MR. MYERS: Dick, does this change--I

1 didn't quite follow this--does this change one for two?

2 MR. HARPER: Yes.

3 MR. MYERS: But the population in two
4 is larger than it is in the one?

5 MR. HARPER: It is practically the same.
6 It is a little smaller. It is about 90 smaller in fact.

7 MR. VAN CLEAVE: As I understand the
8 situation now, Dick, your first choice is to just have
9 your own county.

10 MR. HARPER: That is right.

11 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Your second choice is
12 this plan you presented here?

13 MR. HARPER: Yes, Sherman and Walnut
14 Townships in place of Lincoln Township.

15 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Boyd?

16 MR. BOYD: It would seem to me about like
17 six one way and half a dozen the other way. For the sake
18 of getting this thing on the road, I move this change be
19 made.

20 MR. MYERS: I second it.

21 CHAIRMAN MEEK: You have heard the motion.
22 Those in favor say aye.

23 (The motion was unanimously carried.)

24 CHAIRMAN MEEK: The ayes have it, motion
25 carried, and it is so urged. Are there any questions on

1 this original Exhibit A?

2 MR. CUBIT: Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Cubit.

4 MR. CUBIT: I would move that we move out
5 this plan as is now mapped out for the whole state with
6 the recommendation it be passed.

7 MR. ROGG: I will second the motion.

8 CHAIRMAN MEEK: It has been moved and
9 seconded that we recommend the plan as it now exists with
10 recommendation that it be passed, that we pass it out with
11 a recommendation that it be passed as our Reapportioning
12 Bill. All those in favor say aye--

13 MR. HOWARD: Is there any discussion on--

14 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Just a minute.

15 MR. HOWARD: I just have one question.
16 Doctor, now, what does this make our high district and
17 low district?

18 DR. BEASLEY: The low one is still 15,609
19 and I haven't check this last addition but of the one
20 that is on the map now is 19,521.

21 MR. HOWARD: That is what, approximately
22 3,900--4,000?

23 DR. BEASLEY: Yes.

24 MR. HOWARD: What per cent would this
25 be?

1 DR. BEASLEY: Yesterday I made a fast
2 check and I want to verify it, it was about 11 per cent
3 above, 11 per cent below.

4 MR. HOWARD: Twenty-two per cent altogether?
5 That seems awfully far apart.

6 MR. JOSEPH: That is true. But it is a
7 very small percentage of the districts.

8 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Cubit has a comment.

9 MR. CUBIT: I might say that this high
10 one includes two counties we have not had to--we have
11 left these two counties intact, and this was our justifi-
12 cation for doing that, because the Honorable Tom Van Cleave
13 has mentioned many times that if you left county lines
14 intact, he thought this was a good reason for having a
15 high or a low figure.

16 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Mr. Chairman, may I ask
17 Dr. Beasley a question?

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Sure.

19 MR. VAN CLEAVE: Doctor, how many counties
20 are intact under the plan as it now exists?

21 DR. BEASLEY: I made a fast count this
22 morning. I wouldn't want to be held to it, but it was
23 65 plus approximately 12 other counties that would have
24 to be split anyway, that is they succeeded once. But
25 some changes have been made since I counted. Don't hold

1 me to it.

2 MR. TURNER: Dr. Beasley, do you have any
3 idea how many representatives will be in the House after
4 this?

5 DR. BEASLEY: You mean of the present
6 ones?

7 MR. TURNER: No. What I am getting at is
8 have you made 125 districts?

9 DR. BEASLEY: Yes, as far as I know.

10 MR. VAN CLEAVE: As I understand, Mr.
11 Cubit's motion was, and that is why I want to get some
12 clarification, how long will it take to have this printed?

13 CHAIRMAN MEEK: I hope by tomorrow morning
14 it will be printed.

15 MR. VAN CLEAVE: What I was getting at is,
16 I think everyone should have an opportunity to look at it,
17 because there will have to be some triple checking.

18 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Are you ready for the
19 question?

20 MR. DEMPSEY: I have a question.

21 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Mr. Dempsey.

22 MR. DEMPSEY: In our counties, as composed
23 of numbers, we have one with 18,000--what is it Dr. Beasley,
24 in the rural areas?

25 DR. BEASLEY: Yes.

1 MR. DEMPSEY: Eighteen thousand what?

2 DR. BEASLEY: 18,281.

3 MR. DEMPSEY: 18,281. I feel, and I
4 haven't check on the precincts that have been put in this,
5 but I do feel this is going to be out of line real soon
6 because we have areas in the southern part, Lansing,
7 Basehor and in other areas that are building quite
8 rapidly, and I do think that we should have gotten that
9 county more in line before it is accepted, because it is
10 going to be out of line real quickly.

11 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Thank you.

12 MR. GOLDEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like
13 to discuss this future growth of counties.

14 CHAIRMAN MEEK: John, let's leave that
15 open right now.

16 MR. TURNER: Ready for the question.

17 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Ready for the question.

18 The question is on the recommendation of this plan. Those
19 in favor say aye; contrary no.

20 The ayes have it, the motion is carried and it is
21 so ordered. We are adjourned.

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