

Approved March 31, 1992
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Legislative & Congressional Apportionment

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at
Chairperson

5:00 a.m./p.m. on February 26, 1992 in room 521S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Harland Priddle - Senator Burke's Office
Steve Goodman - Senator Karr's Office
Bob Martin - Senator Karr's Office
Bob Coldsnow - Revisor's Office

~~Conferees appearing before the committee~~

Raney Gilliland - Legislative Research
Mary Galligan - Legislative Research
Mary Torrence - Revisor's Office

The Senate Committee for Apportionment met at 5:00 p.m. in 521S in the Capitol on February 26, 1992 with the following members present: Chairman - Senator Ben Vidricksen, Senator Dick Bond, Senator Jerry Karr, Senator Jack Steineger, Senator LeRoy Hayden, Senator Dan Thiessen, Senator Eric Yost, Senator Ken Francisco with Senators Moran and Salisbury joining at a later time.

The agenda for the meeting is attached. Due to time constraints the review of technical changes was not discussed with the committee and the Chairman moved directly into discussions and presentations by others, including Senators Reilly, Kanan and Webb.

Senator Webb reviewed his position with respect to District 11 and advised the committee of his desires to have the rural district constructed using only a small portion of Johnson County supplemented by other areas possibly in Franklin and Miami. This was the District as it was originally intended to be constructed and is his preference for the amount being considered.

(Exhibit A + B)

Senator Reilly reviewed two maps previously not presented, Jayhawk #3 and Jayhawk #5 and asked for the committee to accept them for consideration. These maps do contain a conflict which was the major point of Senator Reilly's discussion with the committee. The current Republican map being considered splits Leavenworth County between the Districts in Wyandotte as well as in Leavenworth. He believes the county should remain in its whole concept due to its almost perfect configuration with population numbers within 100 of the ideal Senate District.

Senator Kanan presented a map which outlined a reconfiguration of Wyandotte County providing for Senate Districts #5 and #6 to proceed across Leavenworth County to fulfill the required numbers within Wyandotte County. There was considerable discussion concerning the minority district and the percentages being achieved through his map. Mr. Bob Coldsnow from the Revisor's Office, Legal Assistant for the committee, advised Senator Kanan that grouping total minorities together to achieve a majority district was not considered valid. This comment was made in response to a statement by Senator Kanan outlining the percentages of minorities in this district being composed

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in his map as approximately 67% but 18% of those were Hispanics with 49% Blacks.

Review of the previously presented maps from the Republicans and Democrats were reviewed briefly.

As a conclusion to the meeting, Senator Bond indicated that the committee should be aware of the Executive Branch, particularly the governor, and their attitude toward re-districting during this legislative session. Senator Bond offered newspaper articles from the past two weeks indicating the involvement of the Governor's Office which is unusual as compared to other Executive Branch actions in the past.

Senator Vidricksen indicated a meeting would be held during the week of March 2-6 and all committee members will be notified. He indicated the need and the urgency to proceed with consensus of a map acceptable a majority in the Senate.

Jayhawk III



