

Approved May 2, 1992
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Legislative & Congressional Apportionment

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at
Chairperson

12:00 ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{Noon} on March 31, 1992 in room 521S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

STAFF: Mary Gilligan
Raney Gilliland
Harland Priddle
Steve Goodman
Robert Coldsnow

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Senate Legislative and Congressional Apportionment Committee met at noon on March 31 in Room 521S at the capitol with the following members present: Senator Vidricksen, Senator Yost, Senator Francisco, Senator Karr, Senator Thiessen, Senator Bond, Senator Parrish, Senator Salisbury, Senator Hayden and Senator Moran.

With a quorum present the Chairman called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to review possible alternative maps and receive input from committee members for bi-partisan support.

Copies of four Congressional maps were distributed. (Exhibit A) The Chairman pointed out that the re-districting process was not restricted to these four maps however, they were for consideration. He went on to explain that the plan for today was to recess for while to let each party discuss what they wanted to do and then to reconvene for discussions and decisions.

Senator Karr asked for a clarification of expectations from the committee. Senator Vidricksen explained that he thought each party would like to discuss these particular plans and determine feelings on the issues. He explained that southeast Kansas was unhappy with the metro-district maps and they felt it was unacceptable because they would be giving up seats to the urban distict. They would prefer two urban and two rural districts.

Senator Thiessen pointed out that he felt it was possible to have two rural and two urban districts, otherwise he felt that Congress would wipe out the rural. He thought it wise to keep in mind that Kansas is "rural".

Senator Vidricksen reiterated that there are objections to these maps by both parties because the state will lose a district.

Senator Steineger asked about figures from the Census Bureau reporting rural and urban population. The staff responded that they would see if these could be obtained.

The committee then went into recess and reconvened at 12:55 for final discussion. The Chairman asked the committee for their preference. Senator Karr asked the Chairman what his preference was. The Chairman responded by saying that Riley/Geary have to be in the first district because of numbers.

Senator Karr expressed his concern that the committee would move out a bill that might not pass and would have to be

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addressed by the House and he thought the map should be more bi-partisan. He suggested that perhaps "Congress 7" would be equally or more compact although he was aware of the fact that no map would make all communities happy.

Comments on "Congress 7" noted that it would put Johnson County in with southeast Kansas. Senator Thiessen stated that southeast Kansas would not accept that plan as it does not keep the common interest. Senator Vidricksen acknowledged that it did violate the guidelines.

Senator Yost stated his position was that Reno and Sedgwick do go together and that he could not support anything that separated them. He felt that Douglas should be in the 3rd District and stated that in his opinion the "Vidricksen #2 Map" was the best because it represented compromise, it was bi-partisan, urban, rural, and it followed the guidelines. Senator Yost then made a motion to amend the "Vidricksen #2" map into SB 767. This was seconded by Senator Thiessen. (Exhibit B)

Senator Bond agreed and stated he felt that if all of the maps were presented in court the "Vidricksen #2" map would be the best.

Senator Vidricksen pointed out the fact that political parties were not discussed when the maps were drawn.

Senator Steineger questioned whether the rural population warranted "owning" two (or 50% of the) congressmen.

The Chairman asked for committee discussion before taking a roll call vote. Conversation ensued emphasizing the strengths of "Congress 7" and "Vidricksen 2". Then the Chairman called for a vote.

The secretary read the roll. Senators Bond, Moran, Salisbury, Thiessen, Vidricksen and Yost voted "Yea" with Senator Moran explaining his vote by saying he did not "see any reason for this being a Republican-Democrat issue. The Committee has known from day one that either Reno County is coming to the first district or Manhattan and Junction City (Riley/Geary County) is going to be in the first district. It seems to me we're going through this process...because the minority party has been unable to decide which of those two alternatives are in their best interests. I'm not interested in forcing my own interest on any political party but it seems to me that we have to resolve this one way or another and so I do vote "Aye". I don't do it in a partisan way I just think we need to get it resolved and the minority party has been unable to decide which way to go. It makes no difference to me whether Reno County comes west or whether Riley and Geary County (comes west). But somebody has got to make the decision and get the process going."

Senators Francisco, Hayden, Karr, Parrish and Steineger voted "Nay". The motion carried by a vote of 6-5.

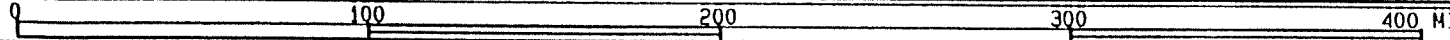
Senator Bond made the motion to recomend SB 767 favorable as amended. This was seconded by Senator Thiessen. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Senator Bond to approve the minutes of the February 26th and March 5th meetings. This was seconded by Senator Salisbury. Motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Chairman.

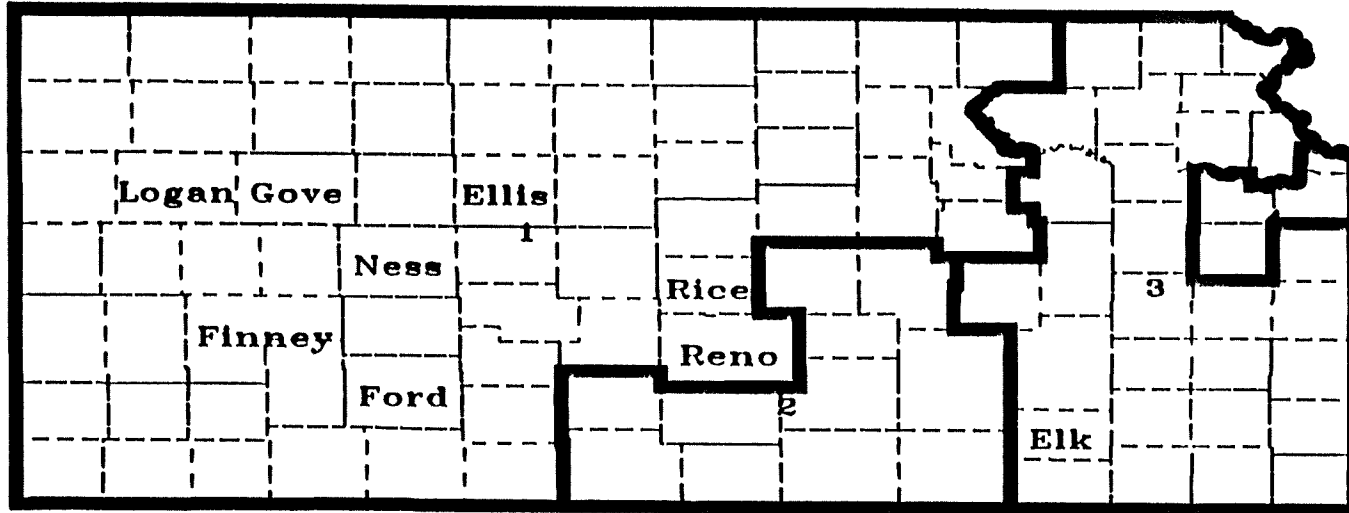
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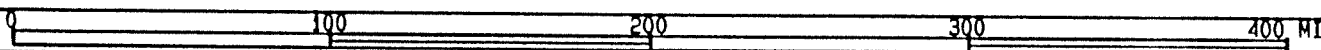
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- 10** County



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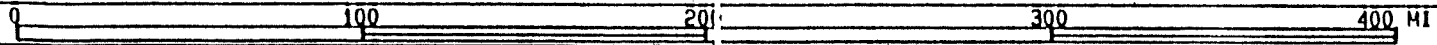
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CONGRESS #7

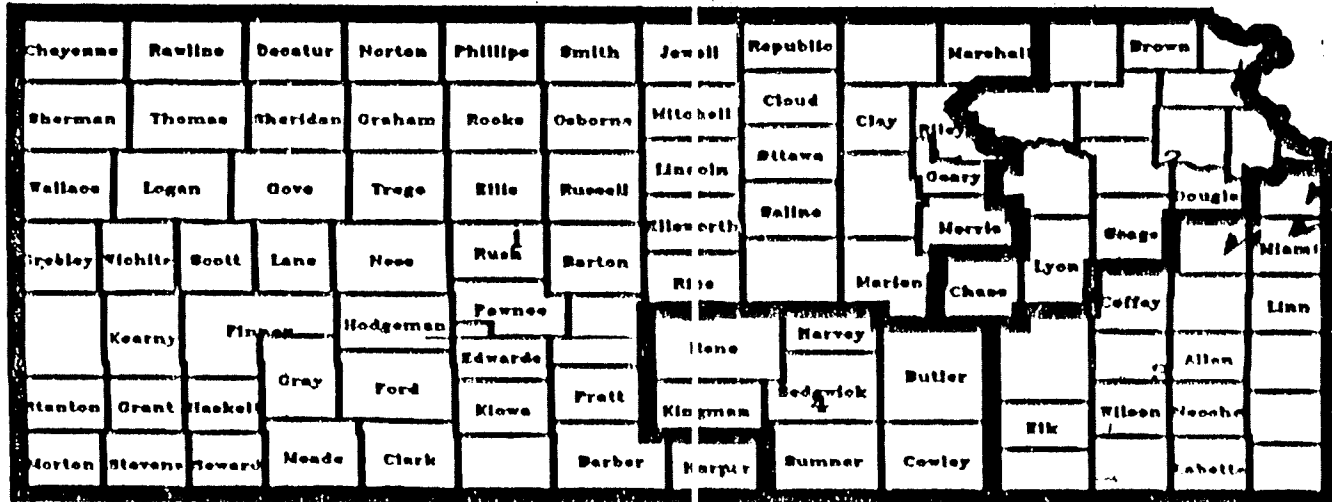
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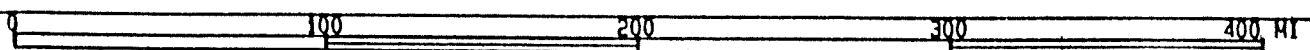
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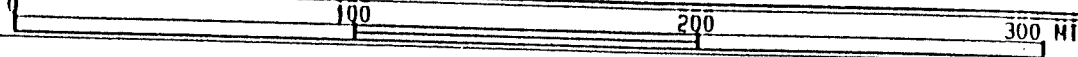
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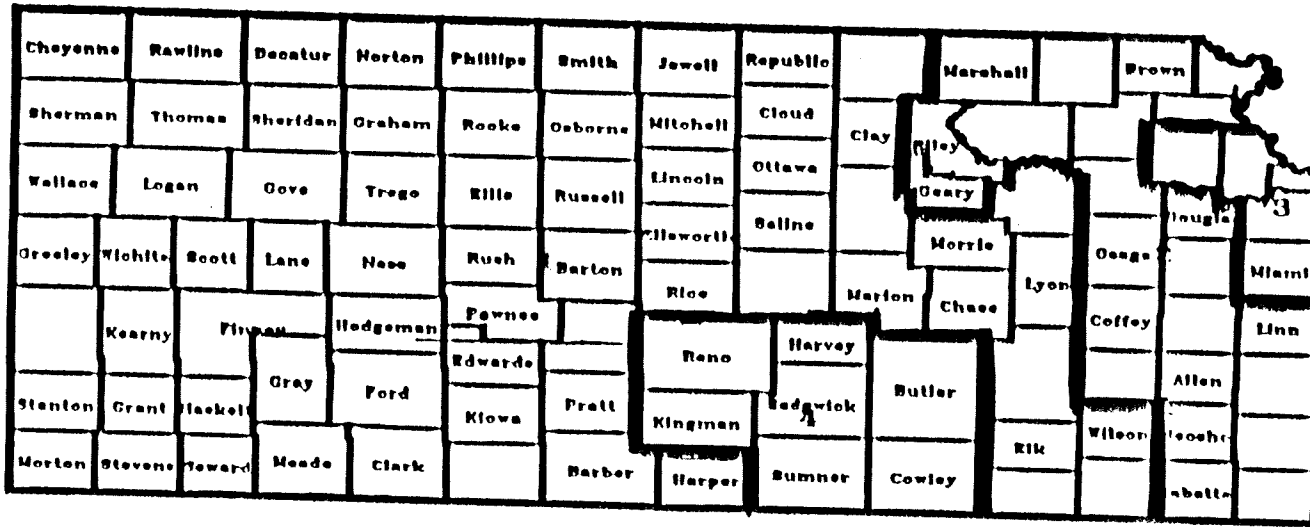
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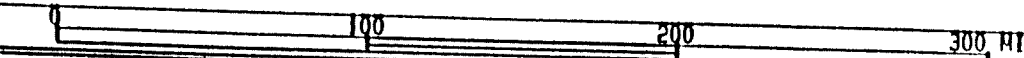
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Variance. 35

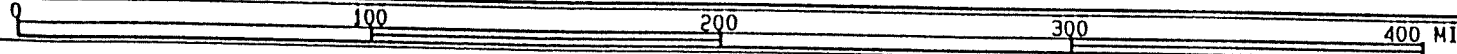
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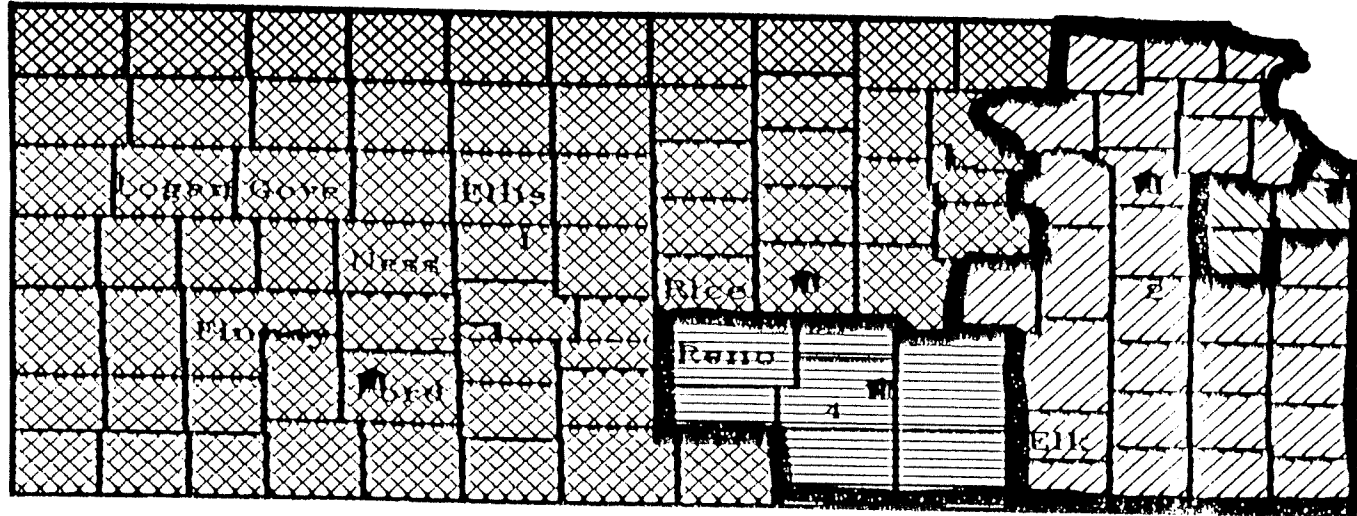
Vidricksen 2

Congressional map

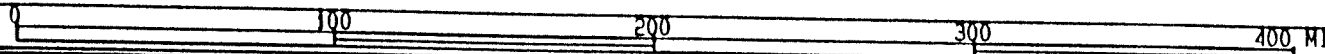


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- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- County Home Seat

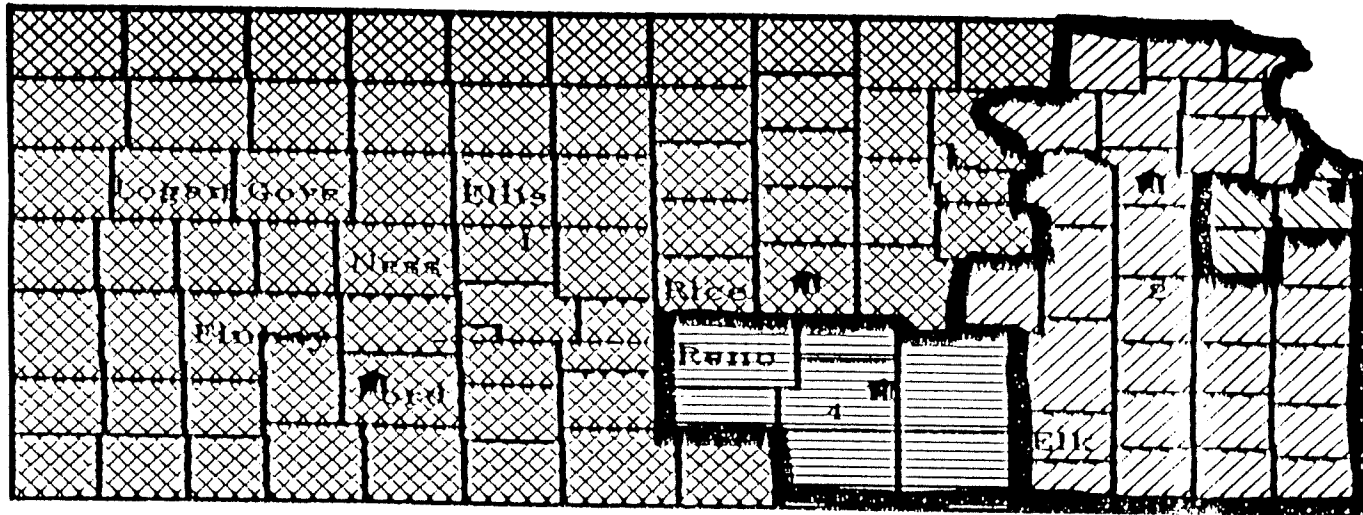
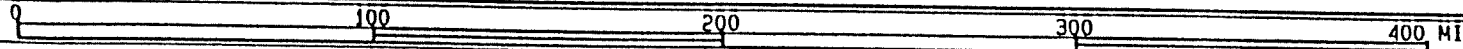


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