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Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at  
Chairperson

8:00 a.m. ~~pm~~ on April 2, 1992 in room 521S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Senate Legislative and Congressional Apportionment Committee met on April 2, 1992 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 521S in the capitol.

The following members were present. Senator Vidricksen, Senator Thiessen, Senator Karr, Senator Francisco, Senator Parrish, Senator Yost, Senator Moran, Senator Bond, and Senator Steineger.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:18. Referring to Senate maps he commented that no matter what map the committee would look at or discuss that there are problems in all of them in some places. He then asked Harland Priddle to point out some of the areas of concern.

Mr. Priddle explained that it was the same map that was passed last Thursday (March 26th) with the exception of two points. Dick Rock's district was not acceptable in it's present form so Chautauqua County was added to better balance the population. Then in Senator Martin's district boundaries were rolled around and taken out of Neosho County.

Senator Karr questioned the district division in Sedgwick County and wondered why there were some Districts with no incumbents in them and other districts where incumbents were placed together. Senator Yost responded by saying that he drew what he considered to be what the Republicans should present as a map that could be adopted by a court and a court isn't going to care where an incumbent lives. He emphasized that apportionment in the Senate is going to be so tramatic and not everything will get through, however, Sedgwick was drawn on the basis of what could be presented in court.

Senator Karr suggested looking at other metro areas in case there were some other finite changes that should be made.

Mr. Priddle pointed out that nothing was changed in Districts 4 and 5 in Wyandotte County with the exception of townships in Johnson that were added to District 6.

Senator Bond pointed out that Lenexa and northern Olathe, southern Olathe, southern Overland Park are new districts although in the 11th District there is an incumbent there (Senator Webb) and this could be a major geographic change.

Senator Karr questioned to clarify that basically what was done in the northeast corner of Johnson County was to collapse Districts 7 and 9 of the current Senatorial Districts.

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Senator Bond affirmed that that represented a great deal of Senator Burke's current district.

Senator Karr questioned changes in the 5th and 29th Districts.

Mr. Priddle responded by saying that Wyandotte was exactly the same as it was however, Wichita is not the same. They worked on increasing the numbers a little bit being sure they had a minority white population and a maximum number of black population.

Senator Vidricksen questioned the procedure to follow since all of the committee was not present and asked for suggestions on alternatives.

Senator Francisco commented that he and Senator Yost had met numerous times to work on Sedgwick County and he made a lot of concessions there and they got real close to agreeing on a map. Now he sees a whole new map that he did not have any input in even though he was on the sub-committee.

Senator Karr suggested that the committee look at this map a little more carefully since there have been some changes made that haven't been considered and that this map be entered into the record so that everyone has a point of reference.

The Chairman responded by saying that since that map was presented at this meeting it was considered to be in the record.

Senator Bond pointed out that it was beyond the deadline to introduce this bill and suggested that it be introduced conceptually in an exempt committee for a bill number.

The Chairman agreed to introduce this map conceptually at the 11:00 a.m. Federal and State Affairs Committee.

After some discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.