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Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Legislative & Congressional Apportionment

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at
Chairperson

12:00 ~~xxxx/xxx~~ on Noon April 6, 1992 in room 531N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Senate Legislative and Congressional Apportionment Committee met on April 6th at 12:00 Noon in Room 521S in the capitol.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order so that both sides could talk about the maps that were introduced and discuss their implications. He pointed out that it restricts Wichita to six districts and brings Senator Kerr's district penetrating into the Sedgwick area for a major portion of his population. It keeps Haskell County split and all of the rest of Kansas is county lines as much as possible. It keeps Coffeyville in the current district of Senator Brady and establishes District #35 using Barton, Rice and a small portion of the City of McPherson. It changes the configuration of Shawnee County considerably using only a small portion of Osage County for Senator Parrish. He pointed out that Senator Petty's District is kept within the county and moves east and south to some degree, and stated that he thought the committee should take a stronger look at Senator Brady's District which has been created by using Coffeyville and Cherryville out of Montgomery County. In District #36 Senator Lee retains seven out of the eight counties in her current district. He pointed out that Senator Gaines' District uses about 3200 people out of Sedgwick as well as putting Russell in with Ellis County. The Chairman also pointed out the differences in Wyandotte and Johnson County and the penetration into the Overland Park area as well as some problems in the Wichita and Sedgwick County areas.

Senator Karr stated that in drawing their (Democratic) map they tried not to draw maps for House members but rather to do what they considered to be the most constitutional with the lowest deviation. He felt that their maps did this as well or better in all the objective parameters that need to be considered in drawing maps. Senator Karr pointed out that their maps are significantly lower in deviation. In focusing on other parts of the state he pointed out that Districts like the 24th, 32nd, and 34th have been drawn to be compact areas saying felt it was rather unusual to split up some districts into several sections such as bringing Gore Township into an east Wichita District, but bringing the 33rd District into all of Sumner County except Gore Township and then bringing the 16th District (Butler-Greenwood) down in to northern Cowley County and taking

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the 32nd District all the way in and including parts of Neosho County. He expressed concern about compactness and drew attention to the 1st District which has been brought into Shawnee County bringing in a fourth Senator. He went on to say that in developing the southwest corner of the state they tried to recognize areas in which they would be easily recognized by voters, which is one of the guidelines. Senator Karr noted that in their map they left the 38th and 39th District in tact, taking off Greeley County in order to partially offset the population shortage in northwest Kansas. He noted that by building from the center of the state they think they have developed a map that has both low deviation, and compactness with a relatively limited number of splits and have avoided the kind of things that the committee is concerned about. The Senator expressed several concerns over the April 2nd map that has thrown as many people together as possible and of 10 people that are in the Senate now there are eight Democrats with two Republicans. What they have done was in the interest of fairness and compromise, rather than being partisan, have brought together two districts that will have to collapse, that being in the north central area and two districts in Wichita.

The Chairman, in referring to the two maps, stated that the points were well taken and it could be that there could be some adjustments.

Senator Francisco pointed out that in Sedgwick County they gained a half of a Senate seat yet his home residence was put in with Senator Daniel's and shoved into Harvey County. He felt this looked partisan and there was no logic to it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 by the Chairman.