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MINUTES OF THE Special COMMITTEE ON Apportionment

The meeting was called to order by Representative Joan Adam at
Chairperson

5:15 a.m./p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 1992 in room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Bob Coldsnow, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Special Committee on Apportionment met on Thursday, February 27th in Room 529-S. Representative Joan Adam, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Representative Adam stated the order of business was to exchange maps and to start working out compromises.

Senator Vidricksen advised the committee the Senate had passed a bill that contained a deadline of March 15th, 1992 to have the Senate and House maps on reapportionment in place but the congressional map had been amended out of the bill. There was a question of whether the House map would be included, even though it had been passed by the House, if the Senate had not approved it and the House plan had not been sent to the Governor.

The Chair stated the focus of the maps some of the members would be presenting was on the Riley/Geary area. She further stated others on the committee would be presenting maps which addressed the 4th District area.

The Chair passed out maps entitled Reardon Congressional (Attachment 1) and asked Representative Reardon to discuss this map. This plan called for Riley/Geary counties to be in the 2nd congressional district, Reno to be in the 4th, Lyon to be in the 1st district and most of SE Kansas to be in the 2nd. For the purpose of deviation, it has Leavenworth, Jefferson, Wyandotte, Johnson, Miami and Douglas in the 3rd. The map has an overall deviation from ideal district size of 0.34% and is one of the lowest of any plan presented to the Committee.

Representative Reardon reminded the committee that one of the criteria the committee had early on in the process was that existing districts that weren't being collapsed (2nd and 5th) the committee would try to keep as nearly the same in composition as the population would allow. He stated that in his plan the 4th district was very close to its current configuration, the 3rd was somewhat close in that the two largest counties, Wyandotte and Johnson, would remain the same, Miami remains the same and Leavenworth and Jefferson would be added. He further stated a map could be drawn according to the guidelines without displacing a relatively larger population county, Reno. It can be left in the 4th and a compact map, that maintains the goal of trying to keep the district about the same, could be drawn. He also stated that not all of SE Kansas is in the same district but 6 out of the 9 most southeasterly counties would be in the 2nd. Also, Riley and Geary counties would stay in the 2nd district and Reno would remain in the 4th. He further added that with this map KU and K-State would remain in the same district but Ft. Riley and Ft. Leavenworth would not.

Senator Bond stated Senator David Kerr had polled the people in Reno County and found the people preferred to go west into District 1. Representative Adam noted that only approximately 200 people were polled according to her information.

Senator Bond asked if the Democrats were willing to produce a map with Reno in the 1st District and Riley and Geary counties in the 2nd. Representative Adam responded she thought the Democrats all agreed Riley and Geary should remain in the 2nd district, however this was an option.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Bond remarked that if Reno is in the 4th you would have a map with a double wrap and he felt it would create problems if this were done.

Representative Reardon explained that a map could be drawn with Wyandotte and Johnson counties together, go all the way to the Oklahoma line and not have a wrap.

Senator Bond presented a map, Reno 1st/4th E (Attachment 2) which would place Reno in the 1st district. Representative Adam made the statement this was the map which had the high deviation. Senator Vidricksen stated if Franklin and Miami were changed it would bring the deviation down from the current 1.23 to 0.73%.

Representative Snowbarger suggested the maps be presented to each caucus and see what kind of straw vote you would get on the various maps.

Senator Karr suggested the number of maps be reduced since there were many different maps available, possibly 15 or 20, and this might be confusing. He stated he felt the choices should be reduced to the four areas of concern which are Riley/Geary, Reno, Douglas and SE Kansas.

Representative Reardon remarked that if all members were given a chance to vote on these maps they would not have had the benefit of the discussions about compactness, communities of interest, deviation, etc. and would be voting strictly on their own area and not the overall picture.

Representative Adam agreed, stating she would be hesitant about this plan because each member would be interested in only their district and she would not want to feel bound by the decision of the caucus in developing an overall map.

Representative Reardon stated again he was very much opposed to presenting maps to the caucuses. He further stated he felt it was important for the task force to present a plan they all agreed upon and he then felt it would be easier to get a vote from their respective bodies.

Representative Adam made a compromise suggestion. She stated both sides knew the issues and suggested each side come back with a couple of maps each and begin working on tradeoffs. She further stated she and Representative Reardon had come to the meeting with maps that reflected what they understood Senator Vidricksen and Representative Snowbarger had wanted in District 4 and what Representative Reardon, Senator Karr and herself had wanted in Riley/Geary. She further stated that if this approach didn't work then she would consider presenting maps to their respective caucuses. She stated she felt they, the Task Force, had been given the job of drawing a map and although it didn't require great technical knowledge some knowledge on what was required regarding deviation, compactness, communities of interest, etc. was needed - throwing maps to people without explaining all the options would be the same as letting each person draw their own district.

Senator Karr stated no maps had been drawn that addressed the Wyandotte/Johnson County district and he felt Senator Bond had some concerns about the community of interest in that area.

Senator Bond responded the area had been together for probably 100 years and although the linkage was different socio-economically they did have a common media and in politics he felt this was very important.

Representative Reardon stated he had always felt comfortable with Wyandotte/Johnson counties being together and personally had not drawn any maps that would have Wyandotte anywhere else but in the 3rd. However, he remarked, he had been receiving some mixed messages from the people who reside in this area and perhaps drawing a map separating these counties might be the correct thing to do.

After discussion as to possible dates to meet again the Chair suggested Tuesday, March 17th at 5:00 p.m. Each party should present two maps. This was agreeable to the rest of the committee and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Congressional District Statistics
Total Populations, All Ages
Plan: REARDON CONG

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Plan type: 1992 CONGRESSIONAL PLAN TYPE

District Name	Number Members	Total Population	Ideal Population	District Variance	% District Variance
District 1	1	618,681	619,394	-713	-0.12%
District 2	1	619,397	619,394	3	0.00%
District 3	1	620,789	619,394	1,395	0.23%
District 4	1	618,707	619,394	-687	-0.11%
Total	4	2,477,574	2,477,576	-2	0.00%

PLANWIDE STATISTICS:

Range of populations: 618,681 to 620,789
Ratio range: 1.0034

Absolute range: -713 to 1,395
Absolute overall range: 2,108

Relative range: -0.12 to 0.23%
Relative overall range: 0.34%

Absolute mean deviation: 699.50
Relative mean deviation: 0.11%

Standard deviation: 855.3321

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Congressional District Statistics

Date: 11/ 7/
Time: 11:54 a.
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Plan: RENO 1ST/4TH E. PROPOSAL

Plan type: 1992 CONGRESSIONAL PLAN TYPE

District Name	Number Members	Total Population	Ideal Population	District Variance	% District Variance
District 1	1	620,827	619,394	1,433	0.23%
District 2	1	619,756	619,394	362	0.06%
District 3	1	622,311	619,394	2,917	0.47%
District 4	1	614,680	619,394	-4,714	-0.76%
Total	4	2,477,574	2,477,576	-2	0.00%

PLANWIDE STATISTICS:

Range of populations: 614,680 to 622,311
Ratio range: 1.0124

Absolute range: -4,714 to 2,917
Absolute overall range: 7,631

Relative range: -0.76 to 0.47%
Relative overall range: 1.23%

Absolute mean deviation: 2356.50
Relative mean deviation: 0.38%

Standard deviation: 2868.5893