

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

November 27, 2001
Room 313-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator David Adkins, Chairperson
Senator Ed Pugh, Vice Chairperson
Senator Anthony Hensley, Ranking Minority Member
Senator Barbara Allen
Senator David Corbin
Senator Tim Huelskamp
Senator Lynn Jenkins
Senator Janis Lee
Senator Derek Schmidt
Senator Ruth Teichman

Representative Michael O'Neal, Chairperson
Representative Doug Mays, Vice Chairperson
Representative Troy Findley, Ranking Minority Member
Representative Clay Aurand
Representative John Ballou
Representative Lisa Benlon
Representative Marti Crow
Representative John Edmonds
Representative Broderick Henderson
Representative Andrew Howell
Representative Tom Klein
Representative Carl Krehbiel
Representative William Mason
Representative Melvin Neufeld
Representative Rocky Nichols
Representative Peggy Palmer
Representative Janice Pauls
Representative Jeff Peterson
Representative Tony Powell
Representative Bill Reardon
Representative Bob Tomlinson
Representative Jene Vickrey
Representative R. J. Wilson

Staff Present

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Chairman Michael O'Neal called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. He explained that today was originally set aside to approve House and Senate redistricting plans. However, due to some conflicts with the maps, today would be spent in small groups working on plans. These small working groups would not be considered as a "caucus," but as an informal group getting together to come to some agreements on the districts. He announced that he hoped that they would be able to approve the House plans tomorrow and the Senate plans at a later date. The Chairman suggested that the House Republican and Democrat coordinators meet.

He announced that the House Republican Coordinators would be meeting briefly upon adjournment. The full Committee would return on November 28 at 9:00 a.m., to announce the agenda for the day.

Legislative Research provided:

- House members with the 1992 Kansas House Districts map and population table and a copy of the House Regions for Redistricting map (Attachment 1).
- Senate members with the 1992 Kansas Senate Districts map and population table and a copy of the Senate Regions for Redistricting map (Attachment 2).
- All members were provided an updated list of Guidelines and Criteria for 2002 Kansas Congressional and Legislative Redistrict (Attachment 3).

Chairman David Adkins informed the Senators that they would work in the same manner as the House; however, the expectation is that the Senate plan will be presented to the Committee for consideration at the December meeting after it is shared at the Senate Republican retreat in early December. Chairman Adkins also requested that anyone who has State Board of Education district concerns should bring those to the Senate's attention. Senator Hensley announced that the Democrats would meet in his office upon adjournment.

The minutes from the October 2, 2001 meeting were distributed. *Senator Teichman made the motion to approve the minutes. Senator Corbin seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

Chairman Michael O'Neal called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He reminded the Committee that plans to be considered at the December meeting must be filed with Kansas Legislative Research Department by December 6 for paper plans and December 13 for electronic plans. The Chairman suggested that today the Republicans and Democrats meet to discuss problem areas with the plans. Representative Findley requested that the Republican maps be made available to the Democrats to share with their members. Chairman O'Neal indicated that copies may not be possible because the maps are tentative and each district will change prior to submission to the Committee. However, the Chairman indicated that the two groups should get together to discuss the proposed maps before leaving town today. Finally, Chairman O'Neal requested that the maps not be distributed but that the regional coordinators retain copies to share with each Legislator so they may see how their district would be drawn and to work with the individual Legislator on any concerns.

Mary Galligan informed the Committee that between now and the December meeting she would be working on a draft Committee report. The intent is that the report, once approved by the Committee, should be published before the beginning of the 2002 Legislative Session.

The Committee adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Approved by Committee on:

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