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MINUTES OF THE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. on February 29, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Emily Pabst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

David Kensinger, Governor's Office, Chief of Staff

Others Attending:

See Attached List

The Chairperson moved, Senator Brungardt seconded, to have the map designated as Buffalo 1 (Attachment 1) put into bill draft form and that the bill be introduced.

The chairperson stated that Senatorial District 32 (Senator Abrams) would be collapsed under Buffalo 1. The western portion of the current Senatorial District 32 would be merged with Senator Teichman's district and the eastern portion of the current Senatorial District 32 would be merged with Senator King's district. Senator Abrams and Senator King would reside in the same senatorial district if Buffalo 1 is enacted. A new Senatorial District 32 would be created in Johnson County.

The motion was adopted.

The Chairperson reminded the committee that there was a motion on the table from the previous meeting.

The motion made by Senator Ostmeyer, seconded by Senator Kelsey, was to not collapse a district when drawing the map for senatorial districts. The motion failed.

Senator Wagle asked whether a determination had been made as to whether any current Senators were retiring after the 2012 Legislative session?

The Chairperson stated he had no indication from anyone as of yet.

The Chairperson opened discussion on the map designated as Buffalo 1.

Senator Haley asked if there are areas of the state with the same population deviation as that of the collapsed district.

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The Chairperson stated he had not looked for that fact when drawing Buffalo 1. He stated he had avoided collapsing a district in western Kansas because a district had been collapsed in that area during the 2002 redistricting process. He also avoided collapsing a district in southeastern Kansas where the counties had worked together extensively to develop the economy of southeastern Kansas. He considered the growth in the Third Congressional District area. He stated that it did not make sense to him to collapse a district in Sedgwick County. After all of those considerations, the south central area of the state seemed to be the area in which a district could be collapsed. He stated that collapsing the current Senate District 32 seemed to cause the least number of repercussions. He added that he tried to avoid splitting cities and counties as much as possible, but that it was not as easy to do as it was in drawing the Congressional District map.

Senator Wagle expressed concern that under Buffalo 1, Senatorial Districts in Sedgwick County are close to the 5% population deviation limit.

The Chairman reminded the members of the Committee to review the minutes of the previous meetings, which had been emailed to them.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 7, 2012.