

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Adkins at 4:15 p.m.. On April 10, 2002 in Room 235-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Swanson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Val DeFever, State Board of Education member

Others attending:

See attached guest list

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department, distributed a map to the Committee showing State Board of Education Option 1 and supporting documentation. (Attachment 1)

Val DeFever, State Board of Education member, testified that this map changed fewest districts as compared to other considered plans. She said she did not consider it perfect. However, it was the best option.

Ms. Galligan said there is no case law in Kansas that addressed the deviation factor for the State Board of Education. However, she felt that the courts would hold the Board of Education to the same standard of the Senate and House deviations. She said that the deviation swing in SBOE Option 1 ranged from -3.47 to +3.69.

Senator Hensley moved to report SB 663 favorably for passage. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Adkins distributed 2002 Congressional map which had been submitted by a member of the Senate. (Attachment 2) This map splits the City of Wichita.

Senator Hensley presented Congressional Plan 2 and Congressional Plan 3 for consideration. (Attachment 3) He said that six counties would be split under this plan. He also said he thought that if the City of Lawrence is split, legal action would be filed.

Legislative Research provided a copy of the current congressional map and congressional maps previously considered by the Committee.. (Attachment 4)

Senator Corbin stated he would like to keep Harvey County whole when the bill goes to a conference committee. Chairman Adkins said he knew of no one who did not agree with that.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.