

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Adkins at 3:40 p.m. on March 21, 2002 in Room 235-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Senators Allen and Jenkins who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Other Present:

State Senator Jim Barone
State Senator Karin Brownlee
State Senator Robert Tyson
State Senator Stan Clark
State Senator U. L. "Rip" Gooch
State Senator Larry Salmans
State Senator Dwayne Umbarger
State Senator Jay Scott Emler
State Senator Kay O'Connor
State Senator John Vratil
Natalie Haag
Rob Mealy
Trent LeDoux
Tim Graham
Cindy Luxem

The Chairman recognized Senator Hensley who distributed several maps and a list of districts found on each map (Attachments 1- 4). The maps were of districts in the proposed *Senate Plan 21*, discussion of which began on March 20. Senator Hensley noted that these maps do not show the differences between the two plans in the same manner as the maps presented previously.

The Committee discussed the districts displayed on the maps. Tim Graham, Senate Democrat Redistricting Staff, assisted with the explanation of differences between the districts presented in *Senate Plan 21* and those described in Sub.SB 379 (*Senate Plan 12*).

Senator Lee commented that the 33rd district in *Senate Plan 21* is different than in *Senate Plan 12* in that Harper County is entirely in the district, rather than being split. In addition, the NE corner of Barton County is included in the 35th district in *Senate Plan 21*. In response to a question about the possibility of swapping Phillips and Rooks counties for the sake of compactness, Senator Lee responded that she and Senator Clark are comfortable with the configuration as shown on the western Kansas map (Attachment 1). Senators Lee and Teichman discussed towns included in various districts.

Discussion moved on to the Central Kansas map (Attachment 2). The Committee's attention was directed to the shift of Elk County into the 32nd district to replace population lost when Harper County was wholly included in the 33rd district. Mr. Graham also noted that the precinct swaps between the 21st and 22nd districts requested by Senators Oleen and Taddiken are included in *Senate Plan 21*.

Senator Corbin informed the committee that Senator Goodwin had expressed to him her willingness to have the Mulvane precincts shown in the 16th district in *Senate Plan 21* included in the 32nd district. That shift would necessitate additional changes to the 16th district. Senator Corbin restated his interest in continuing to represent portions of Greenwood County. Senator Corbin indicated that he has that composition of the 16th district included in a different plan.

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The Committee's attention was directed to Northeast and Southeast Kansas (Attachments 3 and 4). Mr. Graham explained the Southeast Kansas map. Senator Teichman asked about the population deviation in districts 12 and 17 as composed in this plan. Senator Lee responded and Mr. Graham distributed the Population Summary Report for the plan (Attachment 5).

Senator Schmidt commented that there are good aspects of the plan in Southeast Kansas. He noted that in this plan, Senator Barnett's request for part of Greenwood County was rejected. Senator Schmidt commented that he and Senator Barnett would like to each represent a portion of Coffee County and that Senator Barnett would like to represent northern Greenwood County.

Chairman Adkins thanked the Committee for its attention to the discussion and announced that there would be no meeting on March 22. He stated that the Committee would meet early next week.

Senator Pugh commented that he would like to report a bill from the Committee very soon. He said that the Committee is running out of time for action and Supreme Court review of a Senate plan.

Senator Adkins adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.