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SENATE REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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1 T A P E D P R O C E E D I N G S

2 REPRESENTATIVE NEHR: Members, the Senate
3 Redistricting Subcommittee meeting will come to
4 order.

5 Katie, will you have roll call, please?

6 THE CLERK: Representatives Boyd?

7 REPRESENTATIVE BOYD: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Caldwell?

9 REPRESENTATIVE CALDWELL: Here.

10 THE CLERK: Crisafulli?

11 REPRESENTATIVE CRISAFULLI: Here.

12 THE CLERK: Cruz?

13 REPRESENTATIVE CRUZ: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Eisnaugle?

15 REPRESENTATIVE EISNAUGLE: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Hukill?

17 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Jenne?

19 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Kiar?

21 REPRESENTATIVE KIAR: Here.

22 THE CLERK: Logan?

23 REPRESENTATIVE LOGAN: Here.

24 THE CLERK: Rouson?

25 REPRESENTATIVE ROUSON: Here.

1 THE CLERK: Stargel?

2 REPRESENTATIVE STARGEL: Here.

3 THE CLERK: Williams, A.?

4 REPRESENTATIVE A. WILLIAMS: Here.

5 THE CLERK: Williams, T.?

6 REPRESENTATIVE T. WILLIAMS: Here.

7 THE CLERK: Workman?

8 REPRESENTATIVE WORKMAN: Here.

9 THE CLERK: Chair Nehr?

10 REPRESENTATIVE NEHR: Here.

11 THE CLERK: A quorum is present.

12 REPRESENTATIVE KIAR: Thank you, Katie.

13 Representatives, members of the audience,
14 all of you out there, please silence all of
15 your electronic devices, and if anyone from the
16 public wants to speak on this proposed
17 Committee Bill, there are speaker cards up
18 front on either side of the podium.

19 Members, at our last meeting, we
20 workshopped two options for the State Senate
21 map. The first was the State Senate map
22 proposed by the Florida Senate's Committee on
23 Reapportionment.

24 The second was the public submission from
25 the Florida State Conference On the NAACP.

1 Today we are going to take up one proposed
2 Committee Bill, which is identical to the map
3 proposed by the Florida Senate's Committee on
4 Reapportionment.

5 In your packet, you will find a Bill
6 analysis, maps and statistics for this proposed
7 Committee Bill. A single copy of the actual
8 text is also available in back of the room.
9 Alex -- Jason -- there we go, Jason has it.
10 Okay.

11 And the actual Bill language is the same
12 language that was e-mailed to you on
13 December 30th, when the meeting was noticed.
14 It is not in your packet, because each
15 Redistricting Bill is hundreds of pages of just
16 geographical numerations, whereas the maps and
17 data are probably what are most helpful for
18 your review.

19 So if you wish to review the printed copy
20 of the entire Bill as it would appear in
21 Florida Statutes, it is available behind us
22 right here with Jason.

23 Okay. At this time, we will take up
24 Senate Redistricting Subcommittee SRS 12-1. I
25 will present the Bill. So at this time, I will

1 turn the gavel over to Co-Chair Hukill.

2 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: Thank you very
3 much, Chairman. Chairman Nehr, you are
4 recognized to explain the Bill.

5 REPRESENTATIVE NEHR: Thank you, Madam
6 Chair.

7 This Bill is a complete reapportionment of
8 Florida Senate State Senate map. If you look
9 at the screen -- if you look at the screen, you
10 will see some comparisons between this map and
11 Florida's current State Senate map. The same
12 information is available in your packets.

13 For the 40 districts in this map, there is
14 1.84 percent total population deviation.
15 Compared to the current map, the Bill reduces
16 the number of our county splits from 45 down to
17 31, and the number of cities that are split
18 from 126 down to 78.

19 Looking at some of the more mathematical
20 compactness scores relating to perimeters and
21 height and width of districts, this proposed
22 Committee Bill consistently improves the
23 compactness of Florida's 40 State Senate
24 districts.

25 Looking at some of the more functional

1 compactness measures, such as drive times, the
2 Bill again consistently improves these measures
3 of compactness compared to the existing State
4 Senate map.

5 The proposed Committee Bill maintains
6 Florida's commitment to compliance with the
7 Federal Voting Rights Act, both Sections 2 and
8 5, and Florida's constitutional standards
9 regarding racial and language minorities.

10 In fact, the Bill increases the number of
11 50 percent plus Hispanic voting age population
12 districts from three in the current map to five
13 in the proposed Committee Bill. So the PCB
14 will likely increase representation for
15 Hispanic Floridians.

16 With that, Madam Chair, that is the Bill.

17 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: Thank you,
18 Mr. Chair.

19 Members, are there questions on the Bill?
20 Members, any questions on the Bill?

21 All right. There being no questions,
22 there are no amendments on the Bill, we will
23 take public testimony on the Bill.

24 Is there anyone in the public who would
25 like to address this Bill? If you would,

1 please step forward. Anyone want to address
2 the Bill?

3 All right. There being no public
4 testimony on the Bill, members, it is back to
5 us. Any debate on the Bill?

6 Representative Rouson, you are recognized.

7 REPRESENTATIVE ROUSON: Thank you very
8 much, Madam Chair.

9 This redistricting process is a solemn and
10 sober process. I have found in the hearings
11 that we have had, and in the committees, that
12 things have been discussed that there is enough
13 misunderstanding to go around for everybody,
14 and enough understanding for me to at this
15 point say that I am going to vote against the
16 Bill today.

17 I think it could use a few more tweaks and
18 changes, and I am hopeful that at the next
19 stop, these things will happen. I know there's
20 discussions taking place. And so I just want
21 everyone to understand that because I vote no
22 today doesn't mean I am not going to vote when
23 it hits the floor the same way, but I just
24 think that we have not done as much as we could
25 with this Bill.

1 Thank you.

2 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: Thank you very
3 much.

4 Members, anyone else have debate on the
5 Bill? Representative Caldwell, you are
6 recognized.

7 REPRESENTATIVE CALDWELL: Thank you, Madam
8 Chair, and I just wanted real quick to touch
9 base on the issue of statistics, if y'all could
10 put that back up on the screen.

11 I mean, I hear and appreciate what --
12 Representative Rouson's opinion that he just
13 shared, but I am going to say as you look at
14 this list here and the statistics, a massive
15 improvement from the current maps in nearly
16 every single category here, particularly in
17 deviations and the cities and counties split.

18 I think it is clear that we have made some
19 major improvements from what you had in the
20 year 2002, and I am very supportive of where we
21 are at right now.

22 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: Thank you very
23 much.

24 Members, anyone else on debate?

25 Representative Crisafulli, you are recognized.

1 REPRESENTATIVE CRISAFULLI: I would like
2 to further emphasize what Representative
3 Caldwell said. If you would, pull up the
4 current map, and that is the current map as of
5 where we are today, and then pull up the Bill
6 map, if you would.

7 Madam Chair, thank you. I think it just
8 clarifies what we are saying on statistical
9 purposes, as well as visually, I think these
10 are two significantly different maps. I just
11 wanted to see the differences visually, so
12 thank you.

13 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: Thank you very
14 much.

15 Members, anyone else in debate? Members?

16 All right. There being no further debate,
17 Representative Nehr, you are recognized to
18 close on your Bill.

19 REPRESENTATIVE NEHR: Thank you, Madam
20 Chair.

21 I don't have much to add, members, but I
22 just want to reiterate that this proposed
23 Committee Bill, when you reflect on those
24 issues that are pertinent in the law, makes
25 improvements in every single way in terms of

1 compactness, the use of city, county and other
2 boundaries, and in terms of representations for
3 racial and language minorities.

4 With those points in mind, I would like to
5 ask all of you for your favorable support on
6 this Bill.

7 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: Thank you very
8 much, Chair.

9 All right. Would you please call the roll
10 on the Bill?

11 THE CLERK: Representatives Boyd?

12 REPRESENTATIVE BOYD: Yes.

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7 REPRESENTATIVE STARGEL: Yes.

8 THE CLERK: Williams, T.?

9 REPRESENTATIVE T. WILLIAMS: Yes.

10 THE CLERK: Williams A.?

11 Workman?

12 REPRESENTATIVE WORKMAN: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Chair Nehr?

14 REPRESENTATIVE NEHR: Yes.

15 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: All right.

16 Members, by your vote, PCB seven -- I'm sorry,
17 PCB SRS 12-0 -- I'm sorry, 01, okay, 12-01 will
18 be reported favorably. And with that, I will
19 turn the gavel back over to Chair Nehr.

20 REPRESENTATIVE NEHR: Thank you, Madam
21 Chair.

22 On behalf of Chair Hukill and myself, I
23 would like to thank all the members of the
24 subcommittee for your service and investment in
25 this process.

1 It has been a pleasure to work with all of
2 you, and thanks again. And with that,
3 Representative Crisafulli moves we rise.

4 (Whereupon, the proceedings were
5 concluded.)

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