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

2 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay. Welcome,  
3 everybody, to the first and last meeting of the  
4 House Redistricting Subcommittee 2012, luckily  
5 and hopefully. With that, Katie, you are on.  
6 Call the roll.

7 THE CLERK: Representatives Baxley?

8 REPRESENTATIVE BAXLEY: Here.

9 THE CLERK: Bernard?

10 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Here.

11 THE CLERK: Campbell?

12 REPRESENTATIVE CAMPBELL: Yes.

13 THE CLERK: Clarke-Reed?

14 REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: Here.

15 THE CLERK: Corcoran?

16 REPRESENTATIVE CORCORAN: Here.

17 THE CLERK: Diaz?

18 REPRESENTATIVE DIAZ: Here.

19 THE CLERK: Dorworth?

20 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Here.

21 THE CLERK: Drake?

22 REPRESENTATIVE DRAKE: Here.

23 THE CLERK: Frishe?

24 REPRESENTATIVE FRISHE: Here.

25 THE CLERK: Hooper?

1 REPRESENTATIVE HOOPER: Here.

2 THE CLERK: Julien?

3 REPRESENTATIVE JULIEN: Present.

4 THE CLERK: Nuñez?

5 REPRESENTATIVE NUNEZ: Here.

6 THE CLERK: Rogers?

7 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Young?

9 REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG: Here.

10 THE CLERK: Chair Schenck?

11 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Here.

12 THE CLERK: A quorum is present.

13 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you, Katie.

14 All right. I hope everybody had a good

15 holiday. Welcome back to sunny and warm

16 Tallahassee, and with that, we are going to

17 roll right into it.

18 Members, if you will recall, I know it's

19 been a while and I know there's been some

20 holidays in between, at our last meeting we

21 workshopped five options for the State House

22 map.

23 Today we are going to narrow those options

24 and take up three of the five proposed

25 Committee Bills. And just so we are all on the

1 same page, let me give you guys an update of  
2 where we are at.

3 Co-Chair Dorworth has filed an amendment  
4 to four of the five of those options. You all  
5 should have copies of those in your packets --  
6 that each clean up the options in terms of city  
7 boundaries, adopt some initial requests we  
8 received from the public, and incorporates some  
9 additional input from our staff and legal  
10 counsel, so that no matter which three options  
11 we pick, they are in good order for the  
12 redistricting -- the full Committee's  
13 consideration. No other member has filed any  
14 amendments.

15 In your packet, you will find the Bill  
16 analyses, maps and data report for each PCB,  
17 along with the data report and maps for each  
18 proposed amendment. Also in the front of your  
19 packets you will find a cheat sheet of the PCB  
20 numbers, their corresponding redistricting plan  
21 numbers and the plan numbers of the amendments.  
22 If you want a copy of the Bill language, a  
23 single copy of each is available here in the  
24 back row on these chairs.

25 Redistricting Bill language is rather --

1 is a rather large description of which  
2 geography is in each district. So rather than  
3 kill a bunch of trees, we decided to be  
4 ecologically friendly today and print one copy  
5 of each, and it is available to you if you want  
6 to review it. It is the same exact Bill  
7 language that was e-mailed to you on  
8 December 30th when today's meeting was noticed.

9 Now, members, before we go any further, we  
10 have a few open questions from our last  
11 meeting, and I wanted to do -- I wanted to have  
12 these questions answered before we go any  
13 further.

14 So with that, I am going to recognize our  
15 policy chief, Mr. Jeff Takacs, and he is going  
16 to go ahead and answer those questions. So  
17 Jeff, the floor is yours.

18 MR. TAKACS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 There were three kind of open questions  
20 that were out there from the previous meeting,  
21 two of which dealt with Broward County and the  
22 third dealt with Escambia County.

23 So what I would like to do is we have some  
24 visuals for the first example, which came to us  
25 from Representative Bernard, which dealt with

1 the Hispanic population within Broward County  
2 and the potential of building districts to that  
3 end.

4 As staff, what we did, you can see here on  
5 the map, this is actually the current proposal  
6 that would be outlined --

7 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Jeff, let me  
8 interrupt. Is your mike on? Okay.

9 MR. TAKACS: Am I just not speaking into  
10 it? Do I need to get it --

11 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Maybe we can get  
12 it turned up or --

13 MR. TAKACS: Can you hear me now?

14 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Can you guys hear  
15 him okay?

16 A VOICE: Yes.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay, go ahead.

18 MR. TAKACS: Thank you, sir.

19 The map that you see here on the screen  
20 before you is the proposal that you would see  
21 in maps 9015, 9017, 9021 and 9023.

22 Again, the question was asked in our last  
23 meeting by Representative Bernard is, thinking  
24 about the Hispanic population within the  
25 county, the number 25 percent was given of the

1 total county's population being Hispanic, is  
2 there some potential of building a district  
3 solely in Broward County that would -- would be  
4 a Hispanic district.

5 As staff, we took three different attempts  
6 to create this district. You will see on the  
7 map there on the left, under attempts number  
8 one, it is actually the District 1 that you see  
9 there that kind of goes from northwestern  
10 Broward County all the way down to the county  
11 line and then over towards the east.

12 You can see basically from the general  
13 shape of this district that it was not the most  
14 attractive-looking districts, to say the least,  
15 as far as building a district within the map,  
16 and would be relatively inconsistent with the  
17 vast majority of the districts that are in the  
18 current plans.

19 Thinking about how these districts would  
20 perform, and you can see the district to the  
21 right in attempt number two is District 27,  
22 kind of a similar look, talking about, you  
23 know, all of northwestern Broward County and as  
24 it moves towards the east.

25 Thinking about the actual performance of

1           these two districts, District -- the District 1  
2           on the left there, it would be a  
3           majority-minority Hispanic district -- again,  
4           given that shape, that was what it took to get  
5           it to that percentage -- while the district on  
6           the right, obviously a cleaner shape, is only a  
7           48 percent Hispanic voting age population for  
8           that specific district. So, again, these were  
9           two attempts that we as staff made to try to  
10          draw such a district.

11                 As we look to -- this is the third  
12          attempt. I should probably step back for just  
13          a second. One of the challenges that we faced  
14          with attempts one and two is as we moved that  
15          district to the east to try to create that  
16          district, the performance of the  
17          African-American districts within Broward  
18          County was coming into jeopardy.

19                 So what we did with attempt three was to  
20          try to start with what we have currently on the  
21          map and then try to create that district, which  
22          you can see there is District 104, obviously  
23          getting a little bit closer as far as a better  
24          shape, but the actual VAP of that specific  
25          district is 46 percent.

1           Also, too, when you look at this map as we  
2           used it off of 9017 and 9015 and the others, it  
3           would also create some challenges with District  
4           99 as it has some non-contiguous points there  
5           within that district, so those would have to be  
6           addressed.

7           And, again, it just basically seemed like  
8           a non-workable option as we were trying to go  
9           through these different examples thinking about  
10          the questions that came up in the last meeting.

11          When you take a step back and actually  
12          just look at Broward County, we did this  
13          similarly in the meeting last time, was when  
14          you look at the actual VTDs within Broward  
15          County, you look at the Hispanic voting age  
16          population of 35 percent or greater, while  
17          there are some concentrations in that northwest  
18          and kind of south and southwest areas of the  
19          county, basically the rest of the Hispanic  
20          communities in Broward County are quite  
21          dispersed, making it difficult to draw a  
22          compact district that would be compliant with  
23          Amendment 5. So, again, kind of going through  
24          several different iterations, that was what we  
25          ran up against and what we thought was an

1 unworkable scenario for the Broward County  
2 Hispanic community.

3 I should also mention that -- thinking  
4 about building those districts, I will go back  
5 to attempts one and two, even to attempt three,  
6 and we will look at those for a second.  
7 Thinking about amendment 1 -- I'm sorry,  
8 attempt one potentially being a  
9 majority-minority Hispanic district, but then  
10 attempts two and three not meeting that  
11 threshold, you could actually potentially put  
12 the number of Hispanics that would be in the  
13 Broward County delegation from two, what they  
14 are currently, potentially to zero. And that  
15 was another issue that we were facing as we  
16 were trying to create these various attempts,  
17 thinking about with was stated in the meeting  
18 that we had last. So that kind of is the  
19 run-through of that particular issue that was  
20 raised in the last meeting.

21 The second issue that was brought to us  
22 also in Broward County deals with the number of  
23 cities and the actual cities within Broward  
24 County that are kept whole within these various  
25 plans, and I wanted to actually just do a quick

1 run-down of the cities that are kept whole  
2 within the various proposals.

3 In maps 9015, 9017, 9021 and 9023, the  
4 cities of Parkland, Hillsborough Beach,  
5 Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Sea Ranch Lakes, Weston,  
6 Pembroke Park, Lighthouse Point and West Park  
7 are kept whole within that map. Thinking of  
8 map 9019, which has kind of a refresher and a  
9 reminder, map 9019 was a specific exercise that  
10 we did per the direction of our co-Chairs  
11 thinking about having a map that has a minimal  
12 population deviation of plus or minus 1,000  
13 people, as well as trying to keep as many VTDs  
14 whole as possible within a plan. The cities  
15 that are kept whole in Broward County in that  
16 particular plan are Parkland, Coconut Creek,  
17 Hillsborough Beach, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Sea  
18 Ranch Lakes, Lighthouse Point, West Park and  
19 Pembroke Park. Thinking about the amendments  
20 that are before you today, we actually in the  
21 interim went back and looked at Broward County  
22 and all over the state to see if there were  
23 other ways that we could keep more  
24 municipalities whole within the map, and there  
25 are actually two Broward County cities that

1 will be kept whole if the amendments are  
2 adopted here today, and those two cities are  
3 Coconut Creek and Cooper City. So that is the  
4 explanation of the cities that are kept whole  
5 in Broward County in the various plans.

6 And the third issue was in Escambia  
7 County. Representative Bernard asked about  
8 there was some public input in the Pensacola  
9 meeting about two specific neighborhoods in  
10 Escambia County and which district they were  
11 in. Those two specific communities are the  
12 Lincoln Park community -- neighborhood, I  
13 should say, and the Wedgewood neighborhood.

14 While -- when we did the research after  
15 the meeting, it is hard it get the actual  
16 parameters of what that neighborhood looks  
17 like. What we were able to do was we were  
18 actually able to determine that there is  
19 actually a Lincoln Park Elementary School and a  
20 Wedgewood Middle School both in Escambia  
21 County. So kind of thinking of both of those  
22 schools are kind of the center of the  
23 neighborhood or, you know, kind of a focal  
24 point of the neighborhood, using both of those  
25 two points, both of those schools and

1           presumably both of those neighborhoods are  
2           actually outside of the city limits of  
3           Pensacola, they are to the northwest, and  
4           thinking about the various options that are  
5           before you, both of those neighborhoods are in  
6           House District 1, to answer that question.

7           So, Mr. Chairman, that -- those are the  
8           issues that we had from the last meeting.

9           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you very  
10          much. Members, any questions? Questions about  
11          any of those responses?

12          Okay. Representative Rogers, you are  
13          recognized.

14          REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Thank you,  
15          Mr. Chairman.

16          I am not sure if staff would be able to  
17          explain the amendments, if we are keeping the  
18          two cities in Broward County whole based on the  
19          amendments that have been filed or the request  
20          of those cities, what impact though that would  
21          have on what was presented to us at the last  
22          meeting?

23          REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Yeah, I would  
24          say, Representative Rogers, and it is up to  
25          staff, but I would say why don't we wait until

1 we are actually discussing the amendments,  
2 which ones we are going to take, which ones we  
3 are not, and then in that discussion, you --  
4 Jeff or Alex can go ahead and touch that  
5 subject and answer those, how's that? Okay.

6 All right. Any other ques- --  
7 Representative Bernard.

8 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Thank you,  
9 Mr. Chair.

10 I want to thank you for addressing the  
11 concerns that I had regarding the Hispanics in  
12 Broward, but I have another question regarding  
13 those two communities in Escambia County. I  
14 just want to know if -- I haven't looked at the  
15 map to see which one is District 1. Is  
16 District 1 the district that includes  
17 Pensacola, or -- I don't know if it includes,  
18 because I haven't had a chance to look at the  
19 map.

20 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Jeff, you are  
21 recognized.

22 MR. TAKACS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 House District 1 is the district that is  
24 wholly in Escambia County. It does not have  
25 any of the City of Pensacola in it. The

1           entirety of the City of Pensacola is kept whole  
2           within District 2, which is the district to the  
3           south of District 1.

4           REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Thank you.

5           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay. Other  
6           questions? Representative Clarke-Reed.

7           REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: Thank you,  
8           Mr. Chair, and happy new year to you and  
9           everyone else on the Committee.

10          REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Same to you.

11          REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: I would like  
12          to know, then, where is Lincoln Park -- those  
13          two communities? What district are they in?

14          REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Jeff.

15          MR. TAKACS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16          Both of those two neighborhoods -- again,  
17          using the school, the address of the schools  
18          that I was able to determine, thinking of if  
19          those schools are kind of the center point of  
20          both of those neighborhoods, both of those  
21          neighborhoods are in House District 1 under the  
22          current proposals, which is the district that  
23          is wholly within Escambia County.

24          REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: Okay.

25          REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay. If there

1 are no other questions, then, Jeff, we  
2 appreciate your research and your answers. I  
3 know you are going to sit tight and give us  
4 another presentation in a minute.

5 Okay, members, now in terms of which three  
6 of the five PCBs we take up, I have a  
7 suggestion as to how we can make that decision,  
8 but certainly I am open to anyone's thoughts on  
9 the matter.

10 Chair Dorworth and I asked our staff to  
11 prepare a visual that compares each PCB and  
12 even the amendments being offered by co-Chair  
13 Dorworth by several of the various measurements  
14 that are included in the data reports. This  
15 comparison is also printed out for you in front  
16 of each of your packets. And for those of  
17 you -- it is in your left -- it is in your left  
18 pocket there. It says "Comparing Options,  
19 State House," okay?

20 These measurements give us a snapshot as  
21 to how these plans meet up with the standards  
22 in the law in terms of compactness, adherence  
23 to city and county lines, and impacts on racial  
24 and language minorities. Members, I know that  
25 the differences between most of these maps are

1 very subtle, but when I looked at this chart  
2 and I asked staff some questions about what  
3 decisions were made to create these maps --  
4 these differences and what the numbers showed,  
5 I found that what I thought was a reasonable  
6 path to picking three of the maps from the  
7 subcommittee to pass on to the full committee,  
8 and that is simply this: Let these numbers  
9 guide our decisions. The standards in the law  
10 are supposed to reduce the politics of this  
11 process. My thought -- and, again, I want to  
12 hear yours -- is we pick the three options that  
13 put up the best numbers, it's as simple as  
14 that.

15 And with that, I am going to recognize  
16 Jeff Takacs again to walk us through these  
17 numbers. So with that, members, I would ask  
18 you to take out your charts, and, Jeff, you are  
19 going to walk us through the numbers.

20 MR. TAKACS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 What I would like to do is if you look at  
22 the chart here that is on the screen, as well  
23 as in your packets as the Chairman stated, what  
24 I want to do is kind of talk about briefly each  
25 of those categories and what they mean and what

1           they mean in the redistricting process. As you  
2           can see, on the left-hand side is each plan's  
3           name. You will also see that we have actually  
4           included each of the amendments to those plans  
5           if they were to be adopted as well, as well as  
6           how they relate to the current map that is in  
7           law today.

8                     The next column there is the deviation  
9           percentage. That is clearly the population  
10          deviation for the plan as a whole. You will  
11          note that the -- that 81.58 percent number is  
12          actually looking at the current House map with  
13          today's current census data. So that is where  
14          that number comes from, and if you think about  
15          it, that is the purpose of redistricting is to  
16          take that number, like an 81.58 percent, and  
17          reduce it significantly to get to close to  
18          equal population for each districts.

19                    Moving to the right, pretty obvious there,  
20          county splits, those are the numbers of Florida  
21          counties that have districts that cross their  
22          lines. Similarly, city splits, same concept,  
23          the geography of a city boundary being crossed  
24          by a district.

25                    Moving to the right again, we are going to

1 get into some compactness measures. The first  
2 there is the perimeter base. What that means  
3 is it is the base shape of the district. So  
4 what you would do is take the closest  
5 polygon-type shape, whether it is a rectangle  
6 or other polygon shape, and take the shape of  
7 the district and make it the polygon that is  
8 the closest to the shape of that district, and  
9 then measure the sides and the perimeter of  
10 that base shape.

11 Similar concept to the base shape is the  
12 perimeter. For the circle, what you would do  
13 is take the shape of the district and then draw  
14 a circle around it and then measure the  
15 perimeter of that circle. So that's what that  
16 measurement is.

17 Moving again to the right, the perimeter  
18 for the convex hull, what that measures is if  
19 you were to take the shape of a district -- the  
20 best way I can describe this is if you were to  
21 take the shape of a district and then take a  
22 rubber band and then wrap it as tightly as you  
23 could around the shape of the district, you  
24 would then take that rubber band and measure  
25 all of its sides to get that convex hull metric

1           there on the sheet.

2                   Thinking about the next measurement, which  
3           is width and height, that is, again, taking the  
4           -- looking towards the base shape and looking  
5           at the width and height of that base shape. It  
6           is not actually the raw -- thinking of if you  
7           took all of the sides of the district and added  
8           it all together, it is actually -- what it is  
9           is the width and height of that base shape.

10                   Moving again to the right, as we look down  
11           the chart, we get into more of the functional  
12           compactness type measures. These are kind of  
13           taking these districts and putting them into  
14           real terms for the people and the  
15           Representatives that will represent those  
16           people. The first one is a straight line,  
17           miles apart, taking the furthest two end points  
18           of that district and then drawing a straight  
19           line between those two points and then  
20           measuring that straight line in terms of miles.  
21           The next would be miles to drive, relatively  
22           self-explanatory there, how many miles it is to  
23           drive from one end of the district to the  
24           other.

25                   And thinking about all of these numbers,

1           especially to the -- thinking about the  
2           straight line and the miles to drive and  
3           minutes to drive, that is the average of all of  
4           the districts is -- so for miles to drive in  
5           the current map, if you were to look at that as  
6           an example, in the current map it is 17 miles  
7           to drive, which would be the average for  
8           residents to drive around the district. And,  
9           again, that's also been converted into minutes,  
10          thinking about the roads that are in that  
11          district and their speed limits as a factor in  
12          that minutes to drive number.

13                 And, again, kind of continuing to the  
14          right here on the second page, these are the  
15          various districts that are dealing with  
16          specific VAPs for black and Hispanic districts,  
17          and you can see they are given with 30 percent  
18          or greater VAP, 40 percent or greater,  
19          50 percent or greater and 60 percent or greater  
20          for both black and Hispanic in those specific  
21          districts.

22                 So now that I have explained kind of all  
23          of the categories, what I would like to do is  
24          kind of just real briefly look at each of the  
25          plans for those various proposals so you can

1 see those numbers as they function.

2 Again, looking at the population  
3 deviation, without looking at amendments, you  
4 are looking at 9017 being 3.84. 9019, of  
5 course, is 1.26, which is the lowest, again,  
6 because of the exercise that we were given by  
7 our co-Chairs, thinking about creating a map  
8 that has a plan that is plus or minus 1,000  
9 people, as well as those split VTDs, but  
10 obviously that population deviation comes into  
11 fruition with 9019's population deviation of  
12 1.26.

13 Again, looking at the various plans,  
14 again, we also have the amendments listed there  
15 for you for your review, and you can see that  
16 -- and we will talk about amendments later, but  
17 we did our best to try to lower a lot of those  
18 numbers within the various amendments to the  
19 plan that they are amending.

20 Again, moving to county splits, the  
21 current State House map splits 46 counties.  
22 You can see here that the various proposals and  
23 amendments are mostly in the low 30s, with the  
24 exception of 9019 being in the high 30s at 39.  
25 Again, the concept there again with that map

1 was to really hone in on the standards of  
2 looking at trying to lower that population  
3 deviation, as well as taking a look at VTDs,  
4 and the creation of that is that you are not  
5 looking as much at the county boundary lines,  
6 and that's what happens is that in order to  
7 grab for certain population to get within that  
8 range, et cetera, an additional, you know,  
9 eight or nine counties were split in that map.

10 Looking at city splits, again, the current  
11 House map splits 170 cities, and you can see  
12 that the plans significantly reduce that and  
13 the amendments reduce them even further.  
14 Again, looking at 9019, again, it's kind of the  
15 same principle that relates to the county  
16 boundary lines. When you are really looking at  
17 trying to grab population to get it to a more  
18 equal number, you are not worrying as much  
19 about the geography of a city, so more cities  
20 were split within that plan.

21 Again, the perimeter base, on that base  
22 shape of the district, you are looking at  
23 16,491 miles is the total for the current House  
24 plan, and each of the -- each of the proposals  
25 and the amendments significantly reduce those

1 numbers as well. Again, 9019 stands out as the  
2 highest with the perimeter base being 15,083.

3 Again, perimeter circle, thinking about  
4 the shape of that circle that would go around  
5 the district, the current map is 13,683 miles,  
6 and, again, you can see from the various  
7 proposals and amendments, that number is  
8 reduced significantly.

9 Perimeter for the convex hull, again, the  
10 shape of the rubber band, the current map total  
11 is 10,728 miles, and, again, you will see that  
12 all of the proposals and amendments are lower  
13 than that number, in the low 10,000s.

14 Again, width and height, 6,643 for the  
15 current map, and each of the proposals and  
16 amendments reduced that number.

17 Again, straight line, miles apart from the  
18 furthest two ends of the district, you are  
19 looking at an average of 12 miles, whereas with  
20 the proposals and amendments, most of them are  
21 9, with the exception of, again, 9019 being  
22 10 miles to drive. Seventeen miles was the  
23 average. Again, 14 is actually the average for  
24 all of the proposals and amendments. And then  
25 minutes to drive, 26 would be the minutes to

1 drive for the current plan, and, again, 22 for  
2 most of the plans that are before you, and the  
3 amendments, with the exception of 9019, goes up  
4 to 23, and 9023 is at 23 as well. That is  
5 prior to the amendment. You can see there that  
6 the amendment to 9023 would drop that number  
7 back down to 22.

8 Looking at the black VAP districts, the  
9 current map has 17 that are 30 percent or  
10 greater. You will see that the proposals and  
11 the amendments, most of them bring that number  
12 up to 18. 9019 is still at 17, and 9023 is at  
13 17 as well. Forty percent, current map 13.  
14 The proposals, most of them are at 14, with the  
15 exception of 9023. And then looking at  
16 50 percent or greater, current map 11, and all  
17 of the proposals and amendments before you are  
18 at 12. And then 60 percent or greater --  
19 again, this is using current data. We have  
20 three districts that are currently 60 percent  
21 or greater. They weren't necessarily at  
22 60 percent or higher at the time they were  
23 built ten years ago, but that is what the data  
24 shows today, and the -- most of the proposals  
25 bring that to either one or two. And then

1 moving to the right, we are thinking about  
2 Hispanic voting age population, 30 percent or  
3 greater current, the map has 22. The proposals  
4 and the amendments all bring it to 23.  
5 Forty percent or greater, the current map is  
6 16. All of the proposals or amendments bring  
7 that number to 19 or 18. Fifty percent or  
8 greater, current district plan has 13. All of  
9 the proposals and amendments bring that number  
10 to 16 or 15. And then, again, 60 percent or  
11 greater, the current map has 11, and the  
12 amendments and the proposals bring that to  
13 either 10 or 11.

14 So, Mr. Chairman, that's kind of a  
15 walk-through of what that chart is and how it  
16 works.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you for  
18 that, Jeff. Members, you can tell Jeff is a  
19 lot of fun at a party.

20 With that said, any -- any questions? Any  
21 questions on the numbers and what they mean on  
22 the chart, or thoughts about how they relate to  
23 our five proposals? Representative Young.

24 REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG: Thank you,  
25 Mr. Chairman.

1           Yeah, Jeff, you guys have done a great  
2           job, thank you. Thank you for doing that on  
3           behalf of all of us.

4           Just a quick question. I understand that  
5           each map -- the differences in each map are  
6           really based on the different approach taken  
7           and things that you chose to stress in each  
8           different approach, and I was wondering, in  
9           terms of the metrics and the measurements, if  
10          you could just kind of flesh out a little more  
11          maybe which approach you favored in each of the  
12          maps so we could compare them better. This is  
13          a great comparison sheet, by the way, but I  
14          just think just a little more detail, if you  
15          could.

16          REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: You are  
17          recognized.

18          MR. TAKACS: Certainly. Thank you,  
19          Mr. Chairman.

20          Yes, Representative, certainly. Let me go  
21          back to the first page there. Thinking about  
22          the different decision points that are in each  
23          of the proposals and in each of the amendments,  
24          just kind of walk through briefly, 9015 deals  
25          with the three districts that are in the Big

1 Bend area, thinking about the City of  
2 Tallahassee only being split twice versus three  
3 times, that is the difference between 9015 and  
4 9017, as well as the area to the north, kind of  
5 north central Florida area, that deals with  
6 Alachua County being split twice versus three  
7 times. When you only split Alachua County  
8 twice, that leads to Union County being split  
9 when it doesn't mathematically need to be.

10 When you look to -- again, 9019 I talked  
11 about as the exercise of being the -- keeping  
12 the population deviation low to plus or minus  
13 1,000 people and then keeping VTDs whole as a  
14 priority. That doesn't -- again, that kind --  
15 you see how that affects the counties and city  
16 splits as I talked about, and it also has some  
17 impacts on the compactness of each of those  
18 districts, because obviously each -- each of  
19 those districts are shrinking and growing to  
20 try to grab those populations, and sometimes  
21 you are having to go quite a bit of a distance  
22 to grab that population.

23 When you look to 9021 and 9023, that's in  
24 the southern Florida end, and 9021, a big  
25 difference in the compactness scores for that

1 map is looking at how Palm Beach County is  
2 configured. If you recall, 9021 has a  
3 horizontal black majority-minority district in  
4 it that runs basically from Lake Okeechobee all  
5 the way to Riviera Beach. 9023 and the other  
6 proposals have a north-to-south configuration  
7 for that majority-minority black district, kind  
8 of along the transportation corridors of I-95  
9 and U.S. 1.

10 What -- looking at these numbers, what  
11 happened was is that the north-to-south  
12 configuration for that majority-minority black  
13 district made the entire county more compact,  
14 and obviously that district itself was more  
15 compact versus the horizontal east-to-west  
16 configuration of that district. So that was  
17 the big -- the big stand-out within that  
18 particular plan as far as the east-to-west  
19 configuration of that majority-minority black  
20 district being essentially less compact. It  
21 kind of bears fruit here in 9021 as far as some  
22 of those compactness scores being higher than  
23 the other options that are before you.

24 The other difference within 9021 also  
25 deals with Charlotte and Lee Counties. If you

1 recall that Charlotte County is kept whole  
2 within 9015, 9017 and 9023, but what we do is  
3 within Charlotte and Lee County in 9021,  
4 thinking about where people live and trying to  
5 -- there are certain times -- if you recall  
6 from the workshop, there are certain times  
7 where a county boundary might not be in the  
8 best place functionality for where those people  
9 live. So what we did with that plan was we  
10 changed some of the districts around in Lee  
11 County to make it more functional for the  
12 people that live there, as well as Charlotte  
13 County, and what ultimately happens is that the  
14 western Lee County district for population  
15 purposes has to come up into Charlotte County  
16 and split that county.

17 So those are kind of the walk-throughs of  
18 each of those plans and what kind of led to  
19 some of those different compactness scores that  
20 you see on the chart.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Do you have a  
22 follow-up?

23 REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG: Follow-up, please.

24 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Sure.

25 REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG: Yeah.

1 Mr. Chairman, I could be jumping the gun a  
2 little bit, but I might as well just put it out  
3 there while we are looking at this comparison  
4 chart. As I compare the city/county splits and  
5 the deviations and so forth, I mean, it  
6 definitely looks to me like 9019 is not as  
7 strong as the others. And, you know, in every  
8 public hearing that I went to, I think I was at  
9 12, I listened to the testimony of the folks  
10 that were saying, you know, please keep our  
11 cities and counties together as much as we can,  
12 draw compact districts, and, you know, I am  
13 looking at this, it is better than the existing  
14 map for sure, but, you know, you've got 39  
15 counties split, 133 cities split and other  
16 deviations that -- I mean other factors that  
17 make this less attractive. So, you know, for  
18 what it is worth, it definitely seems like this  
19 is the one that is less consistent with the  
20 public testimony. So my suggestion would be  
21 that of the ones that we've got, maybe we look  
22 at throwing out 9019.

23 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay. Did I see  
24 Representative Clarke-Reed? Do you have a  
25 question?

1           REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: Yes, I do. I  
2 wanted to know if we are going to be able to  
3 see these maps now that you -- you know, with  
4 the changes that you were telling us about,  
5 once we are discussing a map, I was wondering  
6 if you could bring it up so that we could  
7 actually see the changes that were made on the  
8 maps.

9           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Representative  
10 Clarke-Reed, to answer your question, the maps  
11 have not changed since we workshopped them.  
12 What we are trying to do right now is we are  
13 going to decide which three we are going to  
14 take up, and then those maps will be changed  
15 through amendments. So, yes, as we go through  
16 each one, as we make that decision, as we go  
17 through each one, yes, you will be able to see  
18 -- you will be able to see what the changes are  
19 and we will have those up for you, okay?

20           REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: Follow-up,  
21 Mr. Chair?

22           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Sure.

23           REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: I just want  
24 to make sure I am understanding what you are  
25 saying. You are at -- this information that is

1 being presented to us, you are saying that  
2 there are no maps that show these variations of  
3 what -- the information that is being given?

4 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: No, no, no. What  
5 I am saying is that these -- these numbers  
6 speak to the five maps that were workshopped in  
7 the last committee meeting, so they have not  
8 been -- those maps have not been changed. So,  
9 for example, if it is possible, and I don't  
10 know it is, if you wanted to see 9015, the map  
11 that corresponds with those numbers, yes, we  
12 can -- I assume you have that or you could put  
13 that up, right, Jeff?

14 MR. TAKACS: Yes, sir.

15 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay.

16 REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: Thank you,  
17 that is what I --

18 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: What I was saying  
19 was, once we decide which three of the five, we  
20 would do exactly that. Do you understand what  
21 I am saying to you?

22 REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: I understand  
23 what you are saying to me, but I want to see  
24 all of them.

25 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay. That is

1 fine, we can do it.

2 Okay. Members, other -- while Jeff is  
3 pulling that up, other comments or questions?  
4 Representative Corcoran.

5 REPRESENTATIVE CORCORAN: I don't want to  
6 precisely parrot what Representative Young  
7 said, but in looking at the -- and agreeing  
8 with your concept, I think if you look at 15  
9 and 17 and as amended, where they reduce the  
10 city splits by virtually 50 percent from the  
11 current map, I think that not only are we  
12 moving towards the direction of what the law is  
13 requiring us to do, and as Representative Young  
14 said, the testimony -- it was also the  
15 testimony, interesting enough, from the  
16 Supervisors of Elections in every single  
17 hearing I went to who said they would rather  
18 see us go up a little bit in deviation and not  
19 have those city splits than have a lower  
20 deviation and have a tremendous amount of city  
21 splits, and so kind of piggy-back on what  
22 Representative Young said, I think looking at  
23 your criteria and seeing that reduction, city  
24 splits of over 50 percent, following the  
25 testimony of the public and also the law, I

1 think that that would be a direction I would  
2 like to see us move toward.

3 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you. Jeff,  
4 do you want to just maybe run through this?

5 MR. TAKACS: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 This is map 9015. Again, as you recall,  
7 this was one of the maps that -- actually, this  
8 was the very first map that I presented in our  
9 last meeting, which was the one that kind of  
10 took the longest where I went into great detail  
11 to every district-by-district description as to  
12 how they were built.

13 The biggest differences within this  
14 proposal versus the other proposals is dealing  
15 with the Big Bend area, and actually Leon  
16 County specifically. If you look at Districts  
17 7, 8 and 9, in this configuration, the City of  
18 Tallahassee is split three ways between the  
19 three districts. And what we do with -- like,  
20 as an example, 9017, which I can certainly  
21 bring up for you, and, of course, all of the --  
22 we have all of the maps here blown up that we  
23 can put on an easel for you as well to review.  
24 What we do with 9017 is -- if you will -- I  
25 will talk here a moment as Ben brings up

1 another iteration of My District Builder and  
2 puts up plan 9017. As he is doing that, the  
3 other difference between the two plans deals  
4 with Clay County and just basically a cleaning  
5 up of the lines within District 18, which is in  
6 the northwest corner of --

7 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Hey, Jeff, what  
8 we are going to do is I am going to have -- I  
9 have asked Alex just to turn the easels this  
10 way so that any members can then just see them  
11 all at the same time, because we are going to  
12 spend a lot more time doing this once we  
13 actually get into amendments and bills. So if  
14 they would just turn them around so we can  
15 quickly get a snapshot of the differences.

16 MR. TAKACS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Representative  
18 Clarke-Reed, quickly.

19 REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: Mr. Chair, I  
20 don't want to prolong the meeting, but my thing  
21 is that while we are talking about the  
22 amendments and the -- you know, anything that's  
23 being done, can we reference that map at the  
24 same time so we can move this along?

25 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Absolutely.

1           REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: That is all I  
2 am asking.

3           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay. So if that  
4 is the case, yes, we are going to do that, it  
5 was my plan to do that, so --

6           REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: Yes.

7           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: -- we will move  
8 right into that.

9           Members, any other comments, questions  
10 about whittling from five to three?  
11 Representative Nuñez.

12           REPRESENTATIVE NUNEZ: Thank you,  
13 Mr. Chairman, and I actually agree with  
14 Representative Corcoran as it relates to maps  
15 9015 and 9017, I believe those are good options  
16 for us and deserve our support here today.

17           As far as the maps that will be the third  
18 option that we will be sending on to the full  
19 committee, I am between map 9021 and 9023, and  
20 as it relates to those two maps and as you  
21 compare them to each other and you look at the  
22 metrics, I certainly believe that the  
23 measurements favor map 9023, and that is the  
24 one that I would support here today and would  
25 urge the Committee to consider moving along to

1 the next step.

2 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay, great.

3 Other members? Representative Baxley.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BAXLEY: Thank you,  
5 Mr. Chairman, and I want to certainly  
6 congratulate the committee staff for the amount  
7 of detail that they have gone into and  
8 furnished to us prior to this meeting,  
9 particularly the Bill analysis of these. And  
10 everything that I have heard here discussed in  
11 the meeting, I certainly agree with those valid  
12 points, and I know that primarily we are  
13 looking at the metrics and the numbers. This  
14 is a numbers thing, it has to work out in terms  
15 of numbers and comply in terms of numbers.

16 But I am also reflecting, and I think it  
17 is important for us in this Committee to  
18 reflect on a lot of discussion in the hearings  
19 and make sure that we are reflecting on the  
20 public input. I heard a lot in all the public  
21 meetings about the general appearance of the  
22 maps, and when I look at these, particularly  
23 9015, 9017, 21 and 9023, they -- when you look  
24 at them, they actually all look improved and  
25 more squared-up, and I think the general

1 appearance of the map is important to people  
2 that appeared before committee, and the more it  
3 made sense to them. So, you know, I am  
4 reflecting on that and I am reflecting also on  
5 what kinds of things they said about keeping  
6 communities whole, which has been mentioned  
7 here. And so those four maps, to me, in  
8 reviewing the analysis and then what we have  
9 seen here today in the meeting, speak to me as  
10 being rooted in that public input, which is  
11 very important to me, and I would be  
12 comfortable voting for any of those four today.

13 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay. Members,  
14 any other comments or questions?

15 All right. Well, thank you for the input.  
16 From what I heard, and just so you know,  
17 members, after having -- Chair Dorworth and I,  
18 after having the staff put this together, I  
19 believe that the numbers bear out 9017, 9015,  
20 and 23 are three -- are the three of the five  
21 best for what we are looking for. So with  
22 that -- and I think that is what I kind of  
23 heard today around the table as well. So with  
24 that, we are going to move into --

25 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Would you please

1 say those numbers again?

2 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Representative  
3 Rogers, do you have a question?

4 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Same question.

5 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: The numbers?  
6 9017, 15 and 23.

7 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Mr. Chairman?

8 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Sure.

9 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 As staff goes through this process of  
12 explaining, because some of us are very visual  
13 people, could you also keep in mind the  
14 pre-clearance communities as you make your  
15 summation and your comments that we -- you can  
16 make comments as to what has affected, impacted  
17 those communities. Thank you.

18 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Yes. Okay. With  
19 that, then, members, at this time we are going  
20 to take up PCB 9017 -- PCB-2. Way too many  
21 numbers to keep track of here.

22 Okay. So we are here on PCB-2, which is  
23 map 9017, and with that, I am gladly turning it  
24 over to Chair Dorworth to explain.

25 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Thank you,

1 Mr. Chairman.

2 PCB HRS 12-02, which is also map 9017,  
3 makes some dramatic improvements to the House  
4 district map, in comparison of the current  
5 House district map. It reduces the counties  
6 split by 16, the cities split by 71 and is  
7 significantly more compact than the current  
8 map. The map also preserves the opportunities  
9 for racial and language minorities in Florida  
10 to elect the candidate of their choice, and we  
11 believe that this map actually creates new  
12 opportunities in certain areas of the state.

13 That is a description, Mr. Chairman.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you.

15 Okay, members, questions on the Bill? We  
16 are on the Bill.

17 Seeing no questions on the Bill, which we  
18 have already workshopped, then Chairman  
19 Dorworth has filed an amendment, so we are  
20 going to go right into the amendment.

21 Chairman Dorworth, you are recognized to  
22 explain the amendment.

23 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Thank you,

24 Mr. Chairman.

25 The amendment provides -- improves on the

1 map even further by reducing the number of  
2 cities split by 15 and reducing many of the  
3 measurements in relation to compactness, such  
4 as the perimeter and width plus height.

5 Mr. Chair, for the benefit of all the  
6 committee members, Jeff Takacs has a short  
7 PowerPoint that provides some visuals, which I  
8 think we had some desire to see, to help  
9 further illustrate the changes in the  
10 amendment. So I would like to recognize Jeff  
11 with the information, sir.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay. Thank you  
13 very much. Jeff, you are recognized then to  
14 visually take us through the changes in the  
15 amendment.

16 MR. TAKACS: Thank you very much,  
17 Mr. Chairman. I am going to take a second  
18 while the PowerPoint comes up here, and what we  
19 have done is for each of the changes that are  
20 made in the various amendments, we have a  
21 visual to show just what that change is and how  
22 it was made, and in many instances we do a  
23 before and after. So what I would like to do  
24 is walk through -- what I would like to do is  
25 kind of walk through the various changes to

1 amendment one.

2 The first issue, the tribal chairman of  
3 the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida  
4 suggested that all of their camps, with the  
5 exception of one, which I will talk about in a  
6 second, be placed into a single district. The  
7 one that would be held out is actually within  
8 Monroe County, and when making this request,  
9 the tribal chairman understood that we may not  
10 want to break the county line just to include a  
11 tribal camp into a district. So with the  
12 exception of that one camp, their request was  
13 to have all of their camps be within a single  
14 district.

15 So as you can see, what we have done, as  
16 you look at the yellow district there, which is  
17 106, and its neighbor to the east, kind of that  
18 dark blue-purplish color is 105, what we do is,  
19 thinking about how that district is -- comes  
20 along Tamiami Trail, what we do is we just  
21 place all of those camps within House District  
22 105, as opposed to them being split between 105  
23 and 106 as they are in the current proposal.  
24 So, again, you see there's a before shot and an  
25 after shot of the change. It is a subtle

1 change to 106 and to 105, but that subtle  
2 change brings all of those camps requested into  
3 District 105. And, again, here you can see  
4 this is just kind of a map looking along  
5 Tamiami Trail of those different camps that,  
6 again, are brought into District 105.

7 The next issue deals with the population  
8 of the people of Burnt Store Marina. And to  
9 describe where Burnt Store Marina is, if you  
10 look at the before picture of the map there,  
11 the yellow district -- if you see where  
12 District 76, which is the yellow district, and  
13 the orange district, which is District 77, to  
14 the northeast corner of District 76, you see  
15 that tiny little nub basically that sticks out,  
16 a little finger that sticks out between the two  
17 districts, that essentially is the 1,700 plus  
18 residents of Burnt Store Marina. And when you  
19 look at District 76 and you look at basically  
20 its population center being to the south end of  
21 the county where the City of Bonita Springs is,  
22 functionally for the people of Burnt Store  
23 Marina, that is a far trek to get to the  
24 population center of their district, and  
25 presumably, thinking about representation, it

1 would be quite a distance for them to get to  
2 their Representative, assuming that the office  
3 would be in that area of the population center.  
4 So to make that change, you can see in the  
5 after picture, it's basically kind of  
6 straightened out that line to include the  
7 people of Burnt Store Marina into District 77,  
8 which is also most -- actually, it is all of  
9 the City of Cape Coral as its boundaries for  
10 District 77.

11 I should also mention in this change you  
12 will also notice in the before and the after,  
13 the number underneath the district number is  
14 the population deviation for those districts,  
15 and what you will see is that grabbing those  
16 1,700 people and making the changes to it  
17 affect all of the other districts within Lee  
18 County, because, again, as you remember from  
19 the workshop, we have four districts that are  
20 wholly within Lee County, 76 through 79 are  
21 wholly within Lee County, and so to maintain  
22 that, the population deviations for those  
23 districts changed. In fact, they changed to  
24 the end that District 79 there in eastern Lee  
25 County in the after picture is -- its deviation

1 is minus 2,929, which would actually be a new  
2 low mark as far as the under-populated  
3 districts within the plan. It would actually  
4 change the total deviation for this plan to  
5 3.98 percent. And, again, that is the people  
6 of Burnt Store Marina, and this came -- we  
7 actually saw this as staff. We found that  
8 this -- we saw this nub, saw this population,  
9 and wanted to bring those residents closer in  
10 proximity to where their Representative would  
11 be.

12 The next issue, as you see, deals with the  
13 three districts within Escambia, Okaloosa and  
14 Santa Rosa Counties. If you look at the top  
15 picture there, that is District 4 and how it  
16 borders around the City of Crestview. As you  
17 recall, District 4 is wholly within Okaloosa  
18 County, it is everything south of I-10, with  
19 the exception of the city boundaries of  
20 Crestview to the north of I-10. We actually  
21 received some feedback from the Okaloosa County  
22 Supervisors of Elections' office asking that we  
23 make some subtle changes to District 4 to not  
24 just be the city boundaries, but to kind of  
25 expand those boundaries slightly to include

1           some of the area neighborhoods that are just  
2           outside of the city limits. Thinking about --  
3           you know, thinking about their purposes as far  
4           as running elections and things of that sort,  
5           they thought it made more sense to bring some  
6           of those residents just outside of the city  
7           boundaries into District 4 and those geographic  
8           boundaries.

9                     If you look to the picture to the south  
10           there, that is District 2, the brown district  
11           there that is in Escambia and Santa Rosa  
12           Counties. We received some feedback from the  
13           residents of Santa Rosa County, specifically we  
14           listed A. Austin here, thinking about how  
15           Navarre and Navarre Beach are connected to  
16           Districts 2 and 3. Districts 2 and 3 split the  
17           people of Navarre and Navarre Beach within the  
18           two districts, and as you can see there, all  
19           the way to the east of District 2 in that  
20           picture, just that kind of tip there is the  
21           southern tip of Santa Rosa County, and you will  
22           see here in the after photo of all three of  
23           those counties, what we do is we just bring the  
24           district back to the county line, keep that  
25           area of the county whole, and then what we do

1 is adjust the population by moving District 2  
2 slightly into Escambia County, and then again  
3 when you look to District 4, its -- its  
4 boundary changed per the request of the  
5 Supervisor of Elections' office as it relates  
6 to the City of Crestview and those  
7 neighborhoods just outside of the city  
8 boundaries. So that's that particular issue.

9 Moving into southeast Florida, we saw an  
10 article in *The Stuart News* dealing with the  
11 actual City of Stuart. There was a  
12 redistricting hearing in that area that several  
13 legislators attended, and basically the main  
14 message of that meeting was that the people of  
15 the City of Stuart wanted to be kept whole  
16 within a single House district. So to that  
17 end, you will see this is the before picture.  
18 If you look specifically at District 83, which  
19 is the brown district there, that is the before  
20 picture, and then here is the after. What we  
21 do is we move the boundary of that district to  
22 the east and then down to grab the entire  
23 population of the City of Stuart, which was  
24 roughly an additional 5,000 people or so, and  
25 then District 82, which had the other portion

1 of the City of Stuart then comes north up to  
2 the county line. So that would make the City  
3 of Stuart within Martin County whole within  
4 District 83.

5 Moving next, this will be kind of a  
6 similar theme here, as you see moving forward,  
7 there are several cities that we found that  
8 could be kept whole within this map. This  
9 second example here is the City of Bartow. You  
10 will see there that there are 65 people from  
11 the City of Bartow that are actually within  
12 District 1 and not within the district to the  
13 south, which is District 56. So what we do  
14 is -- is to bring all of the city boundary into  
15 District 56. You will see there the after shot  
16 is the illuminated area there to the south is  
17 the city boundaries of the City of Bartow, and  
18 we just bring that all into District 56.

19 Next is dealing with -- an issue dealing  
20 with Miami-Dade County. At the advice of our  
21 legal counsel, we looked into making District  
22 113 into a Hispanic majority-minority district  
23 that is more likely to perform Hispanic than  
24 the one in the proposal, which is 9017.

25 Additionally, legal counsel suggested improving

1 the Hispanic performance of District 114, if  
2 possible. So, again, 113, there looking at the  
3 eastern area of Miami-Dade County, and then 114  
4 is to the southwest of 113. So that is the  
5 current configuration. In a moment, I will go  
6 to the -- I will go to the amendments proposal  
7 for Miami-Dade County.

8 What this amendment does is it makes  
9 changes to Districts 113, 112, 102, 108, 109  
10 and 111. You can see the big difference. I  
11 will kind of hop back and forth between the  
12 before and after.

13 In the before, if you look at 113 and 112  
14 as they relate to one another, 113 becomes  
15 smaller in size as District 112 becomes larger  
16 in size. Again, I will kind of -- I'm going to  
17 keep flipping back and forth as I talk about  
18 these various districts so you can see the  
19 before and after.

20 If you look at District 114, it kind of  
21 has that cornered edge there to the northeast,  
22 and as we go to the amendment, as District 112  
23 comes further south, it takes away a part of  
24 that edge, but still there still is a straight  
25 edge there within District 114.

1           Again, going back to District -- let's see  
2 here. Looking at Districts 108 and 109, you  
3 can see their current shape. What we do is  
4 actually make in this process the districts of  
5 108, 109, 111, which is to the west of that, as  
6 well as 102, which is all the way in northern  
7 Miami-Dade County, and you will see here in the  
8 after, all of those districts that I just  
9 mentioned, their compactness measures are  
10 improved between the proposal and the  
11 amendment. So all of those districts are, in  
12 essence, more compact in the amendment.

13           Also, too, I should mention that the City  
14 of Opa-Locka is now kept whole within a  
15 district which was currently split in the  
16 proposal. So thinking about this, District  
17 113, its existing likelihood of producing a  
18 Hispanic community's candidate of choice is  
19 maintained, as well as that same existing  
20 likelihood for District 114. So those are the  
21 differences in the amendment for Miami-Dade  
22 County.

23           I should also mention, when you look at  
24 Miami-Dade County as a whole and thinking about  
25 this amendment, when you look at District 115,

1           which is kind of the grayish district there,  
2           everything to the west of that district is not  
3           affected in this amendment. It is everything  
4           to the east of that amendment that is affected  
5           by the amendment.

6           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: And, Jeff, I  
7           think Alex wants to add something while we are  
8           talking about Miami-Dade.

9           Go ahead, Alex, you are recognized.

10          MR. KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11          Members, I just wanted to add a little bit  
12          of additional information here. District 113  
13          today is an existing and performing Hispanic  
14          majority-minority seat, so this was an effort  
15          to make sure that that seat maintained its  
16          ability to perform and -- and so is District  
17          114. In terms of the shift in population, what  
18          essentially happens is that District 112 had a  
19          very, very strong likelihood of performing  
20          Hispanic. So essentially some of the  
21          neighborhoods in District 112 that had high,  
22          high likelihood of performing, some of those  
23          neighborhoods were moved into District 113 to  
24          bring the Hispanic voter registration of the  
25          district up to a level at which our counsel

1 believed it would perform, and as Jeff noted,  
2 it also gave a small boost to District 114 to  
3 provide a little more comfort, again, make sure  
4 that the district would maintain its ability to  
5 elect for a Hispanic candidate of choice.

6 Just to also frame some of the details in  
7 regards to Districts 102, 109 and 108, the  
8 lines -- if Jeff maybe could kind of go back  
9 and forth on the slides -- the lines in the  
10 districts, they are -- for instance, in 102,  
11 102 kind of had two sort of feet, or so to  
12 speak. It now doesn't. And between District  
13 111, 108 and 109, the lines that are used north  
14 to south are much more along consistent  
15 roadways utilizing the notion that -- giving  
16 the -- minimizing voter confusion by ensuring  
17 that if you are on this side of the road, you  
18 are in this district, if you are on this side  
19 of the road, you are in that district. So  
20 trying to create a more compact and, you know,  
21 geometrically appropriate shape between those  
22 districts and use roadways better.

23 So thank you, Mr. Chair, I just wanted to  
24 add that clarification.

25 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you, Alex.

1           Okay, Jeff, you are recognized to move on  
2 then.

3           MR. TAKACS: Thank you, sir.

4           Next is -- since our last meeting, as  
5 staff we studied numerous ways to try to make  
6 Orange County and potentially other counties  
7 within central Florida and their districts more  
8 compact and more adherent to city boundary  
9 lines. You can see here on the map in front of  
10 you, this is the before picture. This is the  
11 current Bill prior to the amendment. Some of  
12 the districts that I want to point out that you  
13 will see some changes in, you will see in south  
14 Lake County, District 32 along the Turnpike  
15 there, comes into southwest Orange County. We  
16 make some changes to that, and you will see in  
17 the after shot in just a moment.

18           Thinking about Districts 30 and 45, they  
19 also make some changes in an effort to be more  
20 compact and adherent to city and county  
21 boundary lines. So I will go ahead and go to  
22 what the after shot would look like, and I will  
23 kind of walk you through that and I will start  
24 with south Lake County.

25           As you can see in the previous map, and I

1 will kind of again kind of flip back and forth  
2 slowly between the various maps, as you look at  
3 32, it used the Turnpike, and then 32 went into  
4 Orange County. Instead, what happens here with  
5 District 32 is that it is now wholly in Lake  
6 County and it is actually -- the boundary there  
7 between District 32 and 31 is actually the city  
8 boundaries of the City of Tavares. So making  
9 that change then affected obviously District  
10 31, which is now the district that crosses from  
11 Lake into Orange County into the general Apopka  
12 area.

13 As we move south, we will look at  
14 Districts 45 and 44. Again, I will kind of go  
15 to the before picture. You can see kind of the  
16 bumpy edge, for lack of a better term, for the  
17 northern edge of District 45, and you will see  
18 District 44 and its boundary there with  
19 District 32, and as you move to the proposal,  
20 District 44 now comes to the county line since  
21 District 32 is wholly within Lake County and  
22 goes from south Lake up to the north to  
23 Tavares, and you will see as well that District  
24 45 has some smoother lines along roadways as  
25 well.

1           As I -- I should mention here, thinking  
2           about municipalities that are kept whole within  
3           this proposal versus the Bill, the  
4           municipalities of Leesburg, Groveland,  
5           Minneola, Maitland, Edgewood, Belle Isle and  
6           Lake Buena Vista are all kept whole within this  
7           amendment, and it actually also improves the  
8           compactness for Districts 28 and 29, which are  
9           in Seminole County. District 30, which sees  
10          some changes, that is now the district that  
11          comes from Seminole County into Lake, as  
12          opposed to 49, which is in the Bill, that was  
13          the district that came into Seminole County.  
14          Also, the compactness scores for Districts  
15          45 -- 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49 saw  
16          improvements as well.

17                 So that's kind of the walk-through of the  
18                 changes in central Florida. It does impact  
19                 three counties. Lake, Seminole and Orange are  
20                 all affected by this amendment.

21                 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Before you move  
22                 on, Jeff, I am going to recognize Alex again.  
23                 Go ahead, Alex.

24                 MR. KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just  
25                 want to add, too, members, in terms of map

1           9017, as it's been filed as a PCB and this  
2           change here, District 45 in both cases is a new  
3           opportunity for -- to elect an African-American  
4           candidate. It is about a 40 percent -- has  
5           about a 40 percent black voting age population.  
6           So both in the original drawing of it and in  
7           the drawing that now better adheres to roadways  
8           and compactness, it still maintains the same  
9           black voting age population. And in the other  
10          minority districts, there is a  
11          majority-minority existing African-American  
12          seat in the map, and, likewise, a Hispanic  
13          seat, and both of those maintain similar  
14          numbers in terms of their African-American and  
15          Hispanic voting age populations.

16                 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you. All  
17                 right, Jeff, you are recognized to continue.

18                 MR. TAKACS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19                 Moving on here, I am going to talk about a  
20                 series of municipalities that are kept whole  
21                 within the amendment, kind of talk through them  
22                 briefly, and I've got visuals here to show the  
23                 city boundaries and how they are affected.

24                 This first issue here deals with the City  
25                 of Cooper City. What happened was that as we

1 look at the districts of 98 and 99, two people  
2 -- the City of Cooper City was split by two  
3 people. Obviously that is something that we  
4 wanted to correct, that was unintentional. So  
5 now all of the City of Cooper City is whole  
6 within this amendment, and those two people can  
7 be joined with the rest of their city.

8 This next issue deals with a small  
9 non-populated area of Districts 42 and 41.  
10 District 42 is the area that has the  
11 unpopulated portion of the City of Dundee  
12 within it. So in an effort to keep that city  
13 whole, you can see the city boundaries there in  
14 pink as it crosses over into the light blue  
15 into the dark blue. We bring all of the City  
16 of Dundee into District 41.

17 Going back to Broward County, this is --  
18 again, two people in the City of Coconut Creek  
19 were separated from the rest of their city  
20 residents between two districts, and so we keep  
21 the -- between Districts 92 and 96. So what we  
22 do is we keep the City of Coconut Creek whole  
23 within this amendment as well.

24 Similar concept, the City of Atlantis in  
25 Palm Beach County, there were 11 people

1           erroneously separated by two districts, 87 and  
2           90, and so we moved all of the City of Atlantis  
3           and its people into District 90.

4           And there is one more issue, Mr. Chairman,  
5           on the amendment, and it is in Bay County. We  
6           received some feedback from a resident of Bay  
7           County who made a suggestion that its  
8           airport -- that the Panama City area airport  
9           should be included into District 6, which is  
10          the district that is wholly within Bay County.  
11          So you can see the before picture, if you look  
12          at the northern boundary of District 6 and then  
13          you look at the after boundary -- after photo,  
14          if you look at the boundary of the district,  
15          you will see that kind of straight edge area  
16          there in the middle of the district, that is to  
17          include the airport within the district. It  
18          did affect some population, but actually, by  
19          making that adjustment, it actually makes the  
20          populations of Districts 5 and 6 closer to each  
21          other and more equal to one another.

22                 So Mr. Chairman, that is the amendment.

23                 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: All right, Jeff,  
24                 thank you very much.

25                 Okay, members, questions on the amendment?

1 Questions on the amendment? Representative  
2 Bernard.

3 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Thank you,  
4 Mr. Chair.

5 I just wanted to ask a question in regards  
6 to District 102. I don't know which district  
7 number it is currently right now, but what --  
8 it seems to me that it used to be more of a  
9 Miami-Dade County district. Just based on this  
10 map, it just seems like we have shifted more  
11 into Broward. Is that the case?

12 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Jeff, you are  
13 recognized.

14 MR. TAKACS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm  
15 sorry, I am going to recognize --

16 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Go ahead, Alex.  
17 It is a simple answer.

18 MR. KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 Yes, the district does move further into  
20 Broward County. When we looked at the  
21 districts in this area, particularly that  
22 district, 108 and 109 and 107 and I believe  
23 101, there were four existing performing  
24 majority-minority -- actually, one of them was  
25 49 percent, had a 49 percent black voting age

1 population, but essentially four existing  
2 majority black districts there, and then a  
3 district that was performing, I believe, at  
4 either 34 or 36 percent black voting age  
5 population, and in order to maintain all five,  
6 actually there is a slight push -- District 102  
7 further into Broward County, so, yes, it is  
8 further into Broward County.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Mr. Chair?

10 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Follow-up, go  
11 ahead.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Regarding Miami  
13 Gardens, did we split -- how many districts is  
14 Miami Gardens split into now based on this  
15 current configuration?

16 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: We are going to  
17 look that up.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Thank you.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Other questions  
20 on the amendment? Questions on the amendment?

21 Being none then, Representative Bernard,  
22 did you have any other questions besides that  
23 one?

24 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: If I might just  
25 take a moment while we are looking for this. I

1 would like to just make a quick announcement,  
2 an introduction. I've got my elections  
3 supervisor, Mike Hertel, in the audience today.  
4 He came here apparently to check my numbers and  
5 make sure we kept this honest, so welcome,  
6 Mike, he is a good man in town. Thanks for  
7 being here. And with this, we are just going  
8 to keep talking until said time as we have an  
9 answer to the question. So --

10 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Representative  
11 Bernard, four splits to the city. Yep.

12 Okay. Seeing no other questions on the  
13 amendment, we are going to move to public  
14 testimony on the amendment. Anybody in the  
15 public wishing to speak to the amendment?

16 Seeing none, debate on the amendment.  
17 Members, we are in the debate on the amendment.

18 Seeing none, Representative Dorworth, you  
19 are recognized to close on the amendment.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Thank you,  
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 Again, if you read this, before the  
23 amendment, there were a reduction of 71 city  
24 splits. This has 15 more. As you can see step  
25 by step, I think it made it better in every

1 way. With that, I would ask for your vote.

2 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: All right. Thank  
3 you, then.

4 All in favor of the amendment, signify by  
5 saying aye.

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Opposed?

8 Okay, show the amendment passes.

9 We are back on the Bill as amended, back  
10 on the Bill as amended. Anybody in the public  
11 wishing to speak to the Bill as amended?

12 Seeing none, debate on the Bill as  
13 amended? Debate on the Bill as amended?  
14 Representative Julien. Okay.

15 Seeing no debate then, Representative  
16 Dorworth, you are recognized to close on PCB-2.

17 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: I waive close.

18 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay, waive  
19 close. Katie, please call the roll.

20 THE CLERK: Representatives Baxley?

21 REPRESENTATIVE BAXLEY: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Bernard?

23 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: No.

24 THE CLERK: Campbell?

25 REPRESENTATIVE CAMPBELL: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Clarke-Reed?  
2 REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: No.  
3 THE CLERK: Corcoran?  
4 REPRESENTATIVE CORCORAN: Yes.  
5 THE CLERK: Diaz?  
6 REPRESENTATIVE DIAZ: Yes.  
7 THE CLERK: Dorworth?  
8 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Yes.  
9 THE CLERK: Drake?  
10 REPRESENTATIVE DRAKE: Yes.  
11 THE CLERK: Frishe?  
12 REPRESENTATIVE FRISHE: Yes.  
13 THE CLERK: Hooper?  
14 Julien?  
15 REPRESENTATIVE JULIEN: No.  
16 THE CLERK: Nuñez?  
17 REPRESENTATIVE NUNEZ: Yes.  
18 THE CLERK: Rogers?  
19 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: No.  
20 THE CLERK: Young?  
21 REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG: Yes.  
22 THE CLERK: Chair Schenck?  
23 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Yes.  
24 Okay, so the Bill passes.  
25 Members, we are going to read up -- we are

1 going to take up the second Bill, which will  
2 now be PCB-1 since inexplicably I went to two  
3 for some reason. We are now on PCB-1, which is  
4 map 9015. Everybody can follow along, PCB-1,  
5 9015, and I am going to recognize Chairman  
6 Dorworth for the Bill explanation.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Thank you,  
8 Mr. Chairman.

9 PCB HRS 12-01, which is also map 9015,  
10 makes dramatic improvements to the House  
11 district map in comparison to the current House  
12 district map. It reduces the counties split by  
13 15, cities split by 71 and is significantly  
14 more compact than the current map. This map  
15 also preserves the opportunities for racial and  
16 language minorities in Florida to elect the  
17 candidate of their choice, and we believe that  
18 this map will actually create new opportunities  
19 in certain areas of the state.

20 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you.  
21 Questions on the Bill? Questions on the Bill,  
22 members?

23 Seeing none, are there amendments?  
24 Chairman Dorworth has filed one amendment, we  
25 are going to roll right into that. So,

1 Chairman, you are recognized to explain  
2 amendment one.

3 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Thank you, sir.

4 The amendment improves on the map even  
5 further by reducing the number of counties  
6 split by one, and that is Union County, cities  
7 split by 15, and reducing many of the  
8 measurements in relation to compactness such as  
9 the perimeter and width plus height.

10 Mr. Chair, for the benefit of all the  
11 committee members, yet again I would like to  
12 ask Jeff Takacs to give a short PowerPoint  
13 presentation to provide some visuals to help  
14 further illustrate the changes in the  
15 amendment. So I would like to recognize Jeff.

16 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you. Jeff,  
17 before you are recognized, I am just going to  
18 say, members, as you guys probably have known  
19 from seeing the material, many of these changes  
20 in the amendment are the same ones we just went  
21 over to the previous Bill, so with that in  
22 mind, Jeff, I am going to say, you know, for  
23 the ones that are the same, you don't have to  
24 go into that level of detail again, okay?

25 MR. TAKACS: Yes, sir.

1           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: With that, you  
2 are recognized.

3           MR. TAKACS: Yes, sir, thank you very  
4 much.

5           Thinking about what the Chairman just  
6 said, I will go quickly over the ones that we  
7 have already talked about, the similarities  
8 between the amendments and the amendment that  
9 we just -- that was just adopted.

10           This is the tribal chairman of Miccosukee  
11 and their camps. It is the same as the  
12 amendment before.

13           Thinking about Lee County and the folks of  
14 Burnt Storm Marina, again, it is the same as  
15 the amendment that was adopted on the previous  
16 Bill.

17           Thinking about that three-county area in  
18 the Panhandle, Escambia, Santa Rosa and  
19 Okaloosa Counties, here is the after picture.  
20 It is the same as the amendment that was just  
21 adopted on the previous Bill.

22           Thinking about the City of Stuart, same  
23 thing, it is kept whole within this amendment  
24 as well, just as it was in the amendment to the  
25 previous Bill.

1           Again, the City of Bartow, same concept,  
2           it is kept whole within this amendment just as  
3           it was in the previous amendment.

4           Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade County is  
5           exactly the same. If you look at the after  
6           picture here, it is exactly the same as the  
7           amendment that we just heard and that was  
8           adopted by the subcommittee.

9           Looking at the Lake, Orange and Seminole  
10          County area, it is exactly the same as the  
11          amendment that was just adopted.

12          Here is a difference that I will walk  
13          through briefly. We received a suggestion by  
14          our co-Chairs, Schenck and Dorworth, that we  
15          look at maps 9015 and 9017 and resolve some of  
16          the differences, and we do that within that  
17          northern central Florida area that I spoke  
18          about briefly before, thinking about Union  
19          County and thinking about Alachua County and  
20          how they are split. This is the current  
21          proposal. You can see that if you look at  
22          Alachua County in District 20, it is kind of  
23          the purplish district there right in the middle  
24          of that map. It is -- that and its neighbor in  
25          Alachua County as well, the green district

1           there, 21, they both split Alachua County  
2           twice. Thinking about the populations of that  
3           region, what that leads to is that Union  
4           County, which is the Union to the north -- I'm  
5           sorry, which is the county to the north of  
6           Alachua, is then split between Districts 19 and  
7           10. So what the amendment does, looking at the  
8           after photo, is it brings some of District 10  
9           into Alachua County, which would then split  
10          Alachua County three ways, but then when you  
11          look at Union County, Union County is now kept  
12          whole, and then when you actually look at  
13          District 20, I will go back to the before shot,  
14          you can see it has a lot of rough edges there  
15          to the west, so by bringing District 10 into  
16          Alachua County in the amendment, a lot of those  
17          lines are then smoothed out, because it doesn't  
18          have to go all the way up to the county line  
19          for its population. So that is a difference,  
20          that is something new that is in this  
21          amendment, but it is also identical to what we  
22          saw in 9017.

23                    REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: I think Alex  
24                    wants to follow up something as well. You are  
25                    recognized.

1 MR. KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2 I just wanted to -- a subtle note in  
3 regards to District 18. Because the shift of  
4 District 19 further over to Union, District 18  
5 has taken a much more of a rectangular shape, a  
6 much more compact shape in this particular  
7 configuration.

8 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you, Alex.  
9 Jeff, you are recognized again.

10 MR. TAKACS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 Moving forward, Cooper City is kept whole  
12 within the amendment, just as the previous  
13 amendment did. Same thing with the Cities of  
14 Dundee, Coconut Creek, the City of Atlantis,  
15 and then again, looking at the airport within  
16 Bay County, it is also brought into District 6,  
17 the Bay County district in this amendment as  
18 well. Mr. Chairman, that is the amendment.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you very  
20 much, Jeff.

21 Okay, members, questions on this  
22 amendment? Questions on the amendment?

23 Seeing none, is there any public testimony  
24 on the amendment? Public testimony on the  
25 amendment?

1           Seeing none then, debate on the amendment,  
2 members, debate on the amendment?

3           Seeing none, Representative Dorworth, you  
4 are recognized to close.

5           REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Again,  
6 Mr. Chairman, in the previous amendment, we had  
7 16 county splits and we had 86 total city  
8 splits after the amendment. If it was adopted  
9 to the PCB, this would actually make it the  
10 same, there would be 16 and 86. I would ask  
11 for your favorable support.

12           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: All right, thank  
13 you. All those in favor of the amendment,  
14 signify by saying aye.

15           (Chorus of ayes.)

16           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Opposed, nay.  
17 Okay, show the amendment passes.

18           We are now back on the Bill as amended,  
19 back on the Bill as amended. Is there any  
20 public testimony to the Bill as amended?

21           Seeing none, debate on the Bill as  
22 amended. Any debate on the Bill as amended?

23           Okay. Seeing none, Representative  
24 Dorworth, you are recognized to close on PCB-1.

25           REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: I waive close,

1 sir.

2 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you.

3 Representative Dorworth having waived close,

4 Katie, please call the roll.

5 THE CLERK: Representatives Baxley?

6 REPRESENTATIVE BAXLEY: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: Bernard?

8 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: No.

9 THE CLERK: Campbell?

10 REPRESENTATIVE CAMPBELL: No.

11 THE CLERK: Clarke-Reed?

12 REPRESENTATIVE CLARKE-REED: No.

13 THE CLERK: Corcoran?

14 REPRESENTATIVE CORCORAN: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Diaz?

16 Dorworth?

17 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Representative Diaz?

19 REPRESENTATIVE DIAZ: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Okay. Dorworth?

21 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Drake?

23 REPRESENTATIVE DRAKE: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Frishe?

25 REPRESENTATIVE FRISHE: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Hooper?

2 REPRESENTATIVE HOOPER: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: Julien?

4 REPRESENTATIVE JULIEN: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: Nuñez?

6 REPRESENTATIVE NUNEZ: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: Rogers?

8 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: No.

9 THE CLERK: Young?

10 REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG: Yes.

11 THE CLERK: Chair Schenck?

12 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Yes.

13 And with that, show the Bill passes.

14 Members, please try to pay attention when  
15 your name is called, Representative Diaz.

16 Okay, members, we are going to move on to  
17 PCB-05. With that, Representative Dorworth,  
18 you are recognized.

19 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 PCB HRS 12-05, which is also map 9023,  
22 makes dramatic improvements to the House  
23 district map in comparison to the current House  
24 district map. It reduces the counties split by  
25 16, the cities split by 72 and is significantly

1 more compact than the current map. This map  
2 also preserves the opportunities for racial and  
3 language minorities in Florida to elect a  
4 candidate of their choice. That's --

5 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you.  
6 Questions on the Bill, members, questions on  
7 the Bill?

8 Seeing none, we are now on amendments.  
9 Representative Dorworth, you are recognized to  
10 explain your amendment.

11 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Thank you,  
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 The amendment improves on the map even  
14 further by reducing the number of cities split  
15 by seven and reducing many of the measurements  
16 in relation to compactness such as the  
17 perimeter and width plus height.

18 Mr. Chair, for the benefit of all the  
19 committee members, let's ask Jeff yet again to  
20 give a short PowerPoint presentation and  
21 provide some visuals to help further illustrate  
22 the changes in the amendment. So I would like  
23 to recognize Jeff.

24 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Thank you. And,  
25 Jeff, as I'm recognizing you, same as last

1 time, just go ahead and quickly glance over the  
2 ones we have already seen and then highlight  
3 the changes.

4 MR. TAKACS: Yes, sir, will do. Thank  
5 you, Mr. Chairman.

6 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Go right ahead.

7 MR. TAKACS: Again, same concept for the  
8 tribal camps of the Miccosukee Tribe of  
9 Indians, the same as the previous amendments.

10 Same thing with the residents of Burnt  
11 Store Marina, the same amendment that was  
12 previously adopted.

13 Looking at those -- the three-county area,  
14 Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties,  
15 those three -- four districts, I should say,  
16 are exactly the same from the previous  
17 amendment.

18 Again, the City of Stuart is kept whole  
19 now within District 83 in this amendment just  
20 as it was in the previous amendments.

21 Same thing with the City of Bartow. It is  
22 now in District 56 as the other amendments.

23 The Miami-Dade configuration is exactly  
24 the same between this amendment and the  
25 previous amendments that were adopted.

1           The City of Cooper City kept whole just as  
2           it was in the previous amendments, the City of  
3           Dundee is as well, as is the City of Coconut  
4           Creek and the City of Atlantis, and the airport  
5           issue within Bay County is now within District  
6           6, and so you've actually seen every pieces of  
7           what is in this amendment.

8           REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay, members,  
9           any questions on the amendment? Questions on  
10          the amendment?

11          Seeing none, is there any public testimony  
12          on this amendment? Anybody in the public  
13          wishing to speak to this amendment?

14          Seeing none, members, debate on the  
15          amendment? Debate on the amendment?

16          Seeing none, Representative Dorworth, you  
17          are recognized to close on this amendment.

18          REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Again, this  
19          improves the Bill by maintaining 16 county  
20          splits, increasing the city splits from -- I'm  
21          sorry, decreasing city split by 72 -- 79. I'd  
22          ask for your favorable support.

23          REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay.  
24          Representative Dorworth, having closed, all  
25          those in favor of the amendment, signify by

1 saying aye.

2 (Chorus of ayes.)

3 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: All those  
4 opposed? Okay, show the amendment passes.

5 We are now back on the Bill as amended,  
6 back on the Bill as amended. Any public  
7 testimony to the Bill as amended?

8 Seeing none, is there debate on the Bill  
9 as amended? Debate on the Bill as amended?

10 Seeing none, Representative Dorworth, you  
11 are recognized to close on the Bill as amended.

12 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: I waive close.

13 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Okay.

14 Representative Dorworth having waived close,  
15 Katie, please call the roll.

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17 REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Chair Schenck?

19 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Yes.

20 Members, with your vote, so the Bill

21 passes.

22 Okay, members, that actually concludes our

23 work on this subcommittee. It has been a long

24 process that started way back before the public

25 hearings. I want to congratulate all of you, I

1           have enjoyed working with some of you, but I am  
2           sure you have all worked hard. And on a  
3           serious note, on a serious note, members, what  
4           we have done here is important work, and quite  
5           frankly, I cannot begin to explain how hard our  
6           staff has worked in preparing all of these  
7           maps, all of these numbers and all of the data.  
8           They've had to put in a lot of long hours. So  
9           I want to congratulate them and thank them for  
10          all of their hard work, although their work  
11          continues on with the full committee.

12                   And so with that, members, if there's  
13          nothing else, Chairman Dorworth moves we rise.

14                   (Whereupon, the proceedings were  
15          concluded.)

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