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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 WEATHERFORD: Okay, if we
3 could get everybody to get in their seats, we
4 are going to get started.

5 Katie, would you please call the roll?

6 THE CLERK: Representatives Adkins?

7 REPRESENTATIVE ADKINS: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Bernard?

9 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Here.

10 THE CLERK: Chestnut?

11 REPRESENTATIVE CHESTNUT: Here.

12 THE CLERK: Dorworth?

13 REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Eisnaugle?

15 REPRESENTATIVE EISNAUGLE: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Fresen?

17 REPRESENTATIVE FRESEN: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Frishe?

19 REPRESENTATIVE FRISHE: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Holder?

21 REPRESENTATIVE HOLDER: Here.

22 THE CLERK: Hukill?

23 REPRESENTATIVE HUKILL: Here.

24 THE CLERK: Jenne?

25 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Here.

1 THE CLERK: Jones?
2 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: Here.
3 THE CLERK: Kiar?
4 REPRESENTATIVE KIAR: Here.
5 THE CLERK: Lo- -- Legg?
6 REPRESENTATIVE LEGG: Here.
7 THE CLERK: Nehr?
8 REPRESENTATIVE NEHR: Here.
9 THE CLERK: Precourt?
10 REPRESENTATIVE PRECOURT: Here.
11 THE CLERK: Rogers?
12 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Here.
13 THE CLERK: Rouson?
14 REPRESENTATIVE ROUSON: Here.
15 THE CLERK: Schenck?
16 REPRESENTATIVE SCHENCK: Here.
17 THE CLERK: Workman?
18 REPRESENTATIVE WORKMAN: Here.
19 THE CLERK: Chair Weatherford?
20 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: Here.
21 THE CLERK: Quorum is present.
22 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: All right.
23 Welcome, everyone. I can tell it is the first
24 committee week, because almost everybody is on
25 time and in their chairs, so it is -- this is

1 the gold standard, as Representative Fresen
2 said. We are starting on a very high note here
3 with punctuality, so we appreciate that.

4 I want to say really quickly, you know, we
5 just spent the entire summer with each other
6 around the state of Florida hearing from
7 citizens all across, and I want to thank,
8 obviously, the 5,000 citizens that came out to
9 hear us and to offer suggestions, and over
10 2,000 people who gave specific instruction.

11 I think that we should all be proud of the
12 fact that we were able to solicit that much
13 information from the public, and so I
14 appreciate you all taking the effort and
15 spending time away from your families to do
16 that.

17 And I just have to point out, there is --
18 one of the first rules in politics is that you
19 don't make the Chairman look bad, but I would
20 just like to point out for the record that
21 Representative Bernard and Representatives
22 Clarke-Reed and Julien both went to every
23 single hearing around the state of Florida,
24 didn't miss a single one.

25 So you guys -- they are the gold standard

1 and they are probably crazy, but -- no, we are
2 grateful to you all. And I have to -- I was
3 just telling Representative Rogers, I felt bad
4 about it, you know, she doesn't get the
5 present, but she actually went to 25, so she
6 slept in on one of those meetings, we haven't
7 decided -- we haven't decided which one it was.
8 And the only other person who put in the kind
9 of above and beyond was Representative
10 Passidomo went to a significant amount, I think
11 22 out of the 26. We appreciate you doing that
12 as well. She says 23, we will figure it out.

13 If you all will bear with me for a minute,
14 there's a lot of information to go through
15 today. This is the full committee, as you
16 know. We've got subcommittee meetings all
17 afternoon, but I am going to try to kind of
18 download to you a lot of information about
19 what's going to happen over the next few
20 months, and so if you will bear with me, I've
21 got a lot of notes here that I want to walk you
22 through, and then we will have some time for
23 Q&A, and then we will have staff walk us
24 through a very brief presentation.

25 So the first thing I want to do is kind of

1 briefly talk about some of the expectations of
2 what is going to happen for the next few
3 months. The bulk of the work during those
4 months are going to be done at the subcommittee
5 level. So most of the work, substantive work,
6 I am hoping, just like any committee, will be
7 done in the subcommittees. I can only expect
8 that we as a committee will meet probably two
9 or three more times prior to when it is that
10 the subcommittees would report the
11 redistricting bills to us. So this Committee
12 will not be meeting on a regular basis
13 throughout the committee process, but the
14 subcommittees will.

15 So over the next few months, I would
16 encourage each of you to pay close attention to
17 what is going on in all the subcommittees.
18 Regardless of whether you serve on one of the
19 subcommittees, we as a group will have to be
20 very critical of the work and the product that
21 comes before us. We are going to have to
22 answer questions like: Do the maps pass and
23 meet the requirements of the Federal Voting
24 Rights Act? Do the maps meet the standards of
25 Florida's Amendments 5 and 6?

1 Have the subcommittees really vetted a
2 number of options for those maps? Those are
3 the questions that we are going to have to
4 answer as the maps come to us. And,
5 ultimately, whatever exactly the maps look
6 like, we put forth to the entire membership of
7 the House, we as a group have to explain to the
8 entire membership what those plans do and if
9 they meet the requirements both in federal and
10 state law.

11 So just a quick history lesson that we
12 have all heard before, but I think it is worth
13 saying again, how did we get here today. As
14 you all know, over the last several months we
15 have gathered input from thousands of citizens
16 across Florida regarding where and how
17 congressional and state legislative districts
18 should be drawn. So I mentioned it earlier,
19 but I am going to hit it again, a couple of the
20 facts. The first is at our 26 hearings, we
21 were in 25 counties, and approximately 5,000
22 people came to the meetings and approximately
23 2,000 actually presented ideas. That is
24 historic.

25 To date, we are in receipt of 64 partial

1 or complete maps from the public. Ten years
2 ago, just for comparison, the Legislature only
3 received four maps. We've had 64 today.

4 We are also in receipt of more than 200
5 additional unique suggestions for maps that
6 came to us from social media, e-mails, letters,
7 faxes, we even got one in a postcard. So we've
8 gotten a lot of feedback that way as well.

9 At this point in the process, our
10 committees will begin digesting all of the
11 information so that members can react, make
12 suggestions and mesh out the ideas with the
13 legal requirements that the federal and state
14 laws require. Based on this public input, each
15 subcommittee will have more than enough
16 information to prepare committee proposals in
17 addition to any individual member bills that
18 may be offered.

19 My overall request to the subcommittees
20 and to the Chairmen specifically is this: I
21 would ask that you provide at least three
22 complete options for each type of map. Now,
23 what that means is that you would send this
24 Committee three Congressional maps, at least
25 three Senate maps and at least three options

1 for a State House map. Exactly how each
2 subcommittee meets that goal is up to the
3 member of that subcommittee and -- members of
4 that subcommittee and the Chairman, but my
5 suggestion would be that you consider four,
6 five, six or even more complete maps and make
7 it a combination of either member bills or
8 committee bills. Regardless, our staff is
9 available to everyone to help you develop those
10 proposals or the amendments to those proposals.

11 Now let's talk a little bit about the time
12 line that we are working under and some of the
13 practical suggestions that we have. If the
14 committees are going to report three options
15 each to this Committee, I would recommend that
16 the members who wish, just to file
17 redistricting bills. So if you are a member on
18 this Committee or on a subcommittee or any
19 member of the Legislature, and you plan to file
20 a bill, we would ask that you do so before the
21 November 14th committee week. And now I would
22 have to tell you that November 14th also
23 happens to be my birthday, not that I am asking
24 you to take notes on that, but, you know, there
25 is no coincidence, but it is my birthday, so by

1 my birthday, we would hope that every member of
2 this body has turned in a map, or if you are
3 going to turn in a complete bill, do it by that
4 date. We say it this also because it is
5 expected that the subcommittees workshop on
6 redistricting maps so that any redistricting
7 maps that can get voted on have time to mature
8 and allow members to look at those bills and
9 really understand them before they are asked to
10 take a vote. So, in other words, it is
11 preferred that the votes taken on maps reflect
12 more than one committee meeting in which that
13 map is discussed. So we would like to have
14 those maps be out there for the public and for
15 you to analyze very critically.

16 For the public, I would recommend that
17 members of the public submit any original
18 suggestions for maps, original suggestions for
19 maps, before November 1st. Now, the reason why
20 we do that and we ask for November 1st for the
21 public and November 14th for members is because
22 that gives members the opportunity of about two
23 weeks to study those submissions by the
24 citizens before your own suggested deadlines.
25 Of course, we will accept comments and

1 suggestions from the public throughout the
2 process, but practically speaking, anything
3 received November 1st or thereafter will have
4 to be viewed as more comments and reactions to
5 the maps that we are already working on through
6 the process.

7 Now, let's talk a little bit about
8 exceptions to each of you as members -- I'm
9 sorry, not exceptions -- expectations to each
10 of you as members and who might present
11 redistricting maps or amendments to maps.
12 Members who would like to submit maps or
13 amendments in committee will be given as much
14 courtesy as possible to get their ideas on the
15 agenda to be presented; however, it is
16 important to note that members will be expected
17 to explain the details of their maps or their
18 amendments. And so even if you are opting to
19 file a map that has already been offered by the
20 public, what we would ask you to do is if you
21 are going to submit a map, whether it is an
22 amendment or actual original map, that you be
23 able to explain what that map does district by
24 District. That is very important. We are
25 going to ask every person who is submitting

1 maps to be able to do that. That helps the
2 process work better. So, please, know your
3 maps.

4 Also, Representative Adkins, Eisnaugle,
5 Fresen and Jones, since you are on this
6 Redistricting Committee but you are not on a
7 subcommittee, I would ask that you attend a mix
8 of the subcommittee meetings so that when the
9 Redistricting Committee meets those two or
10 three times prior to receiving maps, you will
11 be able to report to this Committee your
12 observations of the big picture issues that the
13 Redistricting Committee should be prepared to
14 address when it receives those maps from the
15 subcommittees. I may ask you also to brief the
16 Redistricting Committee on common themes,
17 challenges and the results of the
18 subcommittees' report.

19 Now, members, regarding the packet that
20 you have in front of you -- as you can see,
21 everybody should have one. If you don't have
22 one, raise your hand. In the packet, you will
23 find summaries of the verbal and written
24 testimony that we have received thus far from
25 the first four of the five regions that we

1 visited this summer, so the Panhandle,
2 northeast Florida, central Florida and
3 southeast Florida. This is the material that
4 the subcommittees will cover today in their
5 review of public input. In the early October
6 interim committee meeting, the subcommittees
7 will cover a fifth region, the southwest
8 Florida, as well as we will cover all the
9 complete maps that were submitted to the
10 Legislature on-line. So essentially what we
11 are doing is we have broken this discussion up
12 into two interim committee weeks, and we will
13 add southwest Florida and the other maps for
14 the second week into the packet.

15 In addition, we have included for you in
16 the fifth tab, summary level data regarding the
17 first 63 maps that have been submitted from the
18 public. All of this information will be
19 available on the Florida redistricting website
20 for anyone in the public to review it. Feel
21 free to take all this information with you
22 today, and note, if you are on one of the
23 subcommittees, you are going to get the same
24 packet again.

25 And just one last note before I turn it

1 over to questions that many of you may have, in
2 the next day or two, I am going to be sending
3 out probably a memo to all the members of the
4 House, not just the members of the Committee,
5 refreshing everybody about the procedural rules
6 that will guide us as we go through this
7 process, so you will be getting that as well.

8 I know that was a mouthful, but I think we
9 covered a lot of territory. Are there any
10 questions from the members of this Committee in
11 regard to what I just discussed? Any comments
12 from this Committee on what I just discussed?
13 Well, you guys are good, okay.

14 With that, with the remaining time, what I
15 am going to do is ask our staff director, Alex
16 Kelly, to give us a brief update as to what is
17 going on with our websites and all the public
18 information that we have, but before I turn it
19 over to Alex, I just want to say this: For
20 those of you who went to numerous public
21 hearings around the state, I think everyone
22 took notice on how organized we were, how well
23 run the meetings were. All that happens, it
24 looks really smooth when you are running the
25 meeting, but I can tell you, it is like a duck

1 on a pond, those legs are churning underneath,
2 and those legs that were churning were our
3 staff here in the Florida House, and led by
4 Alex Kelly, our entire staff did a great job
5 around the state of Florida at all 26 hearings,
6 so we thank you very much for that.

7 So with that, now that we have embarrassed
8 you with kind words, Alex, it is -- you are in
9 charge, buddy, take over.

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

11 Members, we just wanted to briefly go over
12 with you today, now that the public meetings
13 are over and you are embarking on interim
14 committee meetings, what has changed regarding
15 the public information, what is new on the
16 websites, and where -- the kinds of questions
17 your constituents may put your way, where you
18 can find information to answer their questions
19 now that you are entering the interim committee
20 meetings. And just looking at
21 floridaredistricting.org, if you look on the
22 left side of the page, what you will see are
23 the "Legislative Headlines," and that section
24 of the page is meant to provide the latest,
25 most current information; for example, the

1 information that is in your packets today, it
2 is right there, so that if any of your
3 constituents are unsure as to where to find the
4 most recent bills that have been filed when
5 redistricting bills do get filed, the most
6 current information by default, they can go to
7 floridaredistricting.org under "Headlines,"
8 look right there.

9 If you scroll down the page a little bit,
10 the "Public Participation" section has been
11 there for some time, but just based on actually
12 questions that we tend to get from your
13 legislative aides, I wanted to point out the
14 concepts and terminology document. That is
15 probably one of the most frequent questions we
16 get from your staff presumably from your
17 constituents. I just wanted to point that out
18 for you.

19 And then if you scroll down a little
20 further, the "Legal Concepts," if you need a
21 refresher on the information that you heard
22 back in April during the last session, the
23 presentations on redistricting, legal issues,
24 state issues, federal issues, all that
25 information is right there.

1 And if you move over to the right side of
2 the page, again, under the heading of questions
3 that your staff tend to ask and presumably
4 probably are coming from your constituents, the
5 "Additional Resources," probably the most
6 popular documents we actually have on the site,
7 that is where you can get the information
8 pertaining to the population numbers for your
9 current districts, what they need to lose or
10 gain to achieve equal population, the current
11 maps and so forth.

12 If you scroll up the site, I just wanted
13 to highlight a few of the buttons here that
14 have changed a little bit where there's new and
15 additional information. The "Public Hearing
16 Videos" button, if you noticed when you were
17 going around the state during the public
18 meetings, it said "Watch Meetings Live."
19 There's still an archive of all the videos and
20 downloadable audio files right there, it just
21 reads differently, but that is where you can
22 get direct access to the meeting videos if you
23 need to reference them or download an audio
24 file from the 26 meetings.

25 If you scroll up a little bit to "Meeting

1 Records" -- and in fact, Ben, if you could open
2 the page -- the different information that
3 comes out of meetings like this, the public
4 meetings from the summer, you probably realize
5 that you have to go to four or five web pages
6 to get that kind of information. That can be
7 burdensome on your constituents. And so in
8 duplicate to what is on myfloridahouse.gov and
9 The Florida Channel's website, links to all the
10 videos, podcasts, presentations and so forth
11 are all right there on that page. So there's
12 one-stop shop for all that information.

13 Ben, if you could go back to Florida --
14 thank you.

15 And the "Blog and Resources" page, that
16 page is ever changing. It is just additional
17 information for your constituents who really
18 wish to dive into the details of redistricting,
19 and there's always information there regarding
20 greater insight into meetings just like this.
21 So for your constituents who are trying to
22 connect the dots between the summer meetings
23 and what you are doing now, there's always blog
24 posts there and there's additional information
25 if they really, again, want to dive into the

1 details of this redistricting process.

2 And then the last thing we want to show
3 you is the "Public Submissions" button, and
4 this is probably a question that we also get
5 quite frequently, which is just where to go
6 look at the 63, and we actually got a 64th that
7 will be added to the site soon, but the 63
8 public submissions that are on the Web now. Go
9 to this page, the "Public Submissions" page,
10 and here what you actually find is a blog-style
11 page where you can get a quick view of the
12 maps -- and, Ben, if you want to click on the
13 -- wrong button. There you go. If you want to
14 get a quick view of one of the maps that's been
15 submitted, or if you want to get more detailed
16 information, the data that goes with the maps,
17 if you really want to actually download the
18 maps and actually pull them up in My District
19 Builder yourself, you can do that all here at
20 the website. And, Ben, why don't you close
21 that. You can search the maps here at the site
22 by category, if it is a complete Congressional
23 plan, a partial plan, a complete House plan,
24 partial House plan. You can search by the name
25 of who may have submitted it, so if you know a

1 particular person submitted a plan, but you
2 don't know anything else about it, you can
3 search by their name. You can search by the
4 counties that it impacts if it is a partial
5 plan. But the neatest thing that you can do
6 here the at the website -- Ben, why don't you
7 go to that first plan -- is you can actually
8 download the files and upload it in My District
9 Builder. Ben is going to click on what is
10 called the KMZ file and he is going to save
11 that. Why don't you save that to the desktop.
12 Just hit "Yes." And Ben just saved the file
13 from Mr. Ed Wendell's State Senate district
14 that he submitted. And, Ben, why don't you go
15 to My District Builder. And Ben is going to go
16 into the "File" tab and he is going to click on
17 "Open," and he is going to go find that file
18 and he is going to click on "Open," and that is
19 just telling you that this could take a moment.
20 If it is a statewide plan, it might take up to
21 a full minute, but it is just one district, so
22 -- Ben, why don't you do a full screen view.
23 So pretty quickly Ben was able to save the plan
24 that someone in the public submitted to his
25 desktop, he opened it in My District Builder

1 and now he can actually work with that plan.
2 So if one of your constituents or someone else
3 submits a plan that you like or you want to
4 work with, that is how you can pull the plan
5 into My District Builder and then from there,
6 edit the plan yourself and resubmit it as your
7 own work product.

8 And with that, Mr. Chair, I would be happy
9 to answer any questions.

10 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: Great, thank
11 you. Thank you very much, Alex.

12 Members, any questions for Alex? Yes,
13 Representative Kiar, you are recognized.

14 REPRESENTATIVE KIAR: Thank you,
15 Mr. Chair, and thank you, Alex.

16 Actually, I have a quick question. Is
17 there -- and I should have asked you this
18 before, but I forgot. Is there a way to also
19 pull it up in Google maps? I just find Google
20 maps to be very easy, and I know on the Senate,
21 we can do it, but I was trying to figure out
22 how to do it in the House.

23 MR. KELLY: Representative, we could give
24 you a link to do that, we could provide you
25 with a link to do that. And if you would like,

1 we could provide those links on the site.

2 REPRESENTATIVE KIAR: Okay.

3 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: Thank you,
4 good question. Any other questions?

5 Okay. Well, thank you very much, Alex.

6 Members, that is pretty much it for
7 business today. I just want to take a brief
8 moment to thank you all again. I thought that
9 the tour around the state and the listening
10 tour was tremendously successful. Two thousand
11 people showed up to give us their thoughts.
12 They are going to be in your packets, study
13 them and understand them, and we will be back
14 and waiting for the subcommittees to get to
15 work, so we look forward to working with you.

16 I'm sorry, Representative Jones, you had a
17 question?

18 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: Okay, first day
19 back, I've got to remember how to use the
20 mikes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 I know that prior to us leaving to go
22 to -- on our tour, there was a lawsuit that was
23 being undertaken. Can you give us an update on
24 where we are on that? I know there was a
25 ruling made.

1 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: Absolutely.
2 There's a good question. It was in regard to a
3 lawsuit that was filed in regard to Amendment
4 6, which the House intervened in that.
5 Apparently, the -- I think it was written -- I
6 don't know the proper terminology, because I am
7 not an attorney, but I guess the case was
8 thrown out basically, the proponents lost. The
9 House, obviously we respect the decision of the
10 Court, and I don't think any decision has been
11 made in regard to what the future of that
12 lawsuit will be, and so we will keep you up to
13 speed on that. I think there would be an
14 announcement of some sort to the membership if
15 that were to change, but right now I think I
16 would just tell you we respect the decision
17 that was made by the Court and will continue to
18 look at it going forward.

19 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: So we shouldn't
20 anticipate any appeal or anything at this time?

21 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: We -- I don't
22 know. I mean, I think that is a decision the
23 Speaker has to make in regard to that legal
24 question, but I think that that decision will
25 be made at some point, but it has not yet.

1 Good question.

2 Anybody else? Representative Jenne.

3 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Thank you,
4 Chairman.

5 First of all, just to kind of piggy-back
6 off what Representative Jones said that really
7 wasn't in my head before she made her comment,
8 is there a mechanism for us as a body to
9 request that we as a body no longer support the
10 lawsuit and can pull out of it?

11 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: I think as an
12 individual member, any member can express their
13 thoughts and opinions, and so if you wanted to
14 reach out to the Speaker, either in writing or
15 verbally, I am sure he would encourage you to
16 do so --

17 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Okay.

18 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: -- but as a
19 body, I think -- I don't know if there's a way
20 that we do that, but as an individual member, I
21 would -- you know, if you have strong feelings
22 about it as a member, you should let them be
23 known.

24 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: And if I may,
25 Mr. Speaker --

1 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: Sure, you are
2 recognized.

3 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: -- ask a question
4 on a completely unrelated subject -- well, I
5 guess it is all redistricting, so it is
6 somewhat related. Basically it was about the
7 time line we are currently using. Has it been
8 altered lately and is it the same time line we
9 have been working with since day one?

10 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: I think it is
11 the same time line. You know, the idea, of
12 course, is the Constitution doesn't allow us to
13 vote on these maps until January, the
14 legislative maps until January, we are not in
15 session until January. So we want to make sure
16 that we give all the maps that are submitted,
17 the 64 plus that we have gotten from the
18 citizens, plus maps that you may be submitting
19 as members, plus maps that these committees may
20 be presenting, we want to give them thorough
21 time to be vetted and to have the opportunity
22 to be amended before they work their way to the
23 floor. So we are ahead of schedule. We have
24 had more success getting public input than any
25 Legislature in Florida has ever had, and I

1 would put us up against any state in the
2 country, and so I am proud of where we are
3 right now as we stand, and we are going to
4 continue to move forward and hopefully the
5 subcommittees will get to work and we will stay
6 on them and we will start making progress.

7 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Thank you.

8 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: Thank you.

9 Any other questions? Representative
10 Bernard.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Thank you, Mr.
12 Chair.

13 One of the comments that you made was that
14 the subcommittees would submit three maps. Are
15 they -- would they submit them by the
16 November 14th or --

17 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: No, we don't
18 have a date for that. I haven't really -- we
19 haven't come up with a date certain on that.
20 When I say "submit," you'd vote on them. The
21 maps are treated just like any other bill, and
22 so you would literally vote on three House maps
23 of the House committee, three Senate maps out
24 of the Senate subcommittee and three
25 Congressional maps, and the thought process

1 behind that is as opposed to just, you know,
2 trying to pick one map, it basically gives the
3 full Committee, this Committee, options to look
4 at. And I think that what the citizens want,
5 what I have heard over the last three and a
6 half months is that people want to see
7 different options, they don't want
8 take-it-or-leave-its, they want to see options.
9 And so that is exactly what my hope is the
10 subcommittees will give them. How you get to
11 those three maps is entirely up to each
12 subcommittee. And so you can start off with 20
13 maps and whittle it down to three, but the idea
14 as a full committee would be, just like in any
15 legislation, to try to narrow it down and focus
16 on just a small number of maps, and then allow
17 this Committee to go from three, hopefully, to
18 one.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: One more
20 follow-up, Mr. Chair?

21 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: You are
22 recognized.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: So would we vote
24 on them before session begins or -- in the
25 subcommittees, would we vote on them --

1 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: There is
2 nothing that prohibits us from doing that. I
3 mean, I think a lot of this will be determined.
4 You may have some committees who are -- some
5 subcommittees who are ahead of the others. You
6 may have one that is really proactive and is
7 blowing through the process, you may have
8 another one that is not moving as quickly. And
9 so there is no date certain when they have to
10 vote on them. It can be before session, but it
11 also can come in session.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD: Thank you, Mr.
13 Chair.

14 REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD: You got it.
15 Thank you. I think the most important thing I
16 will just point out is that each map that we do
17 vote on, that there is enough time for the
18 public and for every member of the Legislature
19 to understand them, look at them and have them
20 debated.

21 Anybody else?

22 Okay. Thank you all very much.

23 Representative Precourt moves we rise.

24 (Whereupon, the proceedings were
25 concluded.)

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