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MINUTES OF THE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. on February 15, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Craig Callahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Theresa Kiernan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Greg Smith, District 22
Gary Mason

Others Attending:

See Attached List

The Chairperson clarified that the maps, Bison 12c and Save Our State, which were distributed at the previous meeting were intended to be used as starting points for the discussion of Senatorial District maps. He reminded the committee that until a map is put into bill-form, a map is merely a proposal

The Chairperson asked if members of the Committee had maps they desired to present.

Senator Ostmeyer offered a map designated as Feb Sen WKS A and information relating to that map (Attachment 1). Senator Ostmeyer stated the map was drawn as compactly as possible and all districts contain a population within the acceptable range of deviation. He stated he did not look at political party demographics of districts when he had the map drawn. He said that the districts in Johnson and Sedgewick Counties could be adjusted as the Senators from those districts so fit. He added that Senators should feel free to use his map as a basis to have maps drawn in their areas.

Senator Vratil asked about the district located in the area of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, which comprised about three-fourths of the land in Johnson County. Senator Ostmeyer responded that it was Senate District 3, which is currently Senator Holland's district.

No other maps were offered.

The Chairperson opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Representative Greg Smith presented testimony expressing concern with the boundaries of the 8th Senatorial District under Bison 12c (Attachment 2). He stated he did not understand the rationale for where the boundary lines were drawn. In response to an inquiry, Representative Smith stated he did not have an alternative map for the district.

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Gary Mason, a resident of the Senate District 31, expressed support for Senator Ostmeyer's proposal. He expressed concern that he would no longer be a resident of Senate District 31 under the other plans.

The Chairperson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 20, 2012.

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