

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Adkins at 3:15 p.m. on February 4, 2002 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

### Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
LuAnn Lawhon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Sandy Sadowski, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes  
Rob Mealy, Senate Republican Caucus Redistricting Staff  
Trent LeDoux, Senate Republican Caucus Redistricting Staff  
Tim Graham, Senate Democrat Caucus Redistricting Staff  
Judy Swanson, Committee Secretary

### Conferees appearing before the committee:

### Others attending:

See attached guest list

Kathie Sparks, Principal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented additional written testimony that had been received by the Legislative Research concerning reapportionment since January 30. ([Attachment 1](#))

Senator Adkins said the Committee would address Caucus J reapportionment plan first. ([Attachment 2](#)) The biggest issues with this plan are the splitting of the City of Lawrence, the splitting of Junction City from Fort Riley and the splitting of North Newton from the City of Newton. Senators Corbin and Teichman said they had serious problems with the Caucus J plan. Senator Lee asked about the source of Caucus J. Senator Pugh said that Rep. Tomlinson submitted the original plan, but the Joint Committee altered it. He said that Caucus J represented the fewest changes in the present congressional districts. Senator Hensley felt there was bi-partisan opposition to Caucus J.

After discussion of several maps, Chairman Adkins asked the Committee what process they would like to utilize to determine which map to use. Senator Schmidt said a great amount of time was spent on all the maps and suggested a committee vote. Senator Corbin suggested reviewing alternative plans.

Senator Hensley referred to an article in the *Lawrence Journal World* from April 25, 2001, saying that Rep. O'Neal had dismissed the plan Hensley introduced in **SB 381**.

### Four maps were considered by the Committee:

January Blue ([Attachment 2](#))  
January Gold ([Attachment 3](#))  
Kansas Day ([Attachment 4](#))  
Barber Congressional ([Attachment 5](#))

Senator Corbin preferred January Blue. In response to a question from Senator Huelskamp, it was determined where each map originated. Senator Schmidt worked on Kansas Day, and the other three were products of Republican staff. Senator Schmidt liked Kansas Day map because it reunited Southeast Kansas.

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A Summary of Plan Characteristics was reviewed. (Attachment 6) Partisan information was not a part of this report.

Partisan breakdowns were discussed. In January Blue the following statistics were given:

District 1

Republicans: 52.83%

Democrats: 23.97%

District 2

Republicans: 42.9%

Democrats: 30.49%

District 3

Republicans: 42.9%

Democrats: 27.39%

District 4

Republicans: 44.09%

Democrats: 28.99%

The current partisan breakdown in districts is as follows:

District 1

Republicans: 53.04%

Democrats: 23.4%

District 2

Republicans: 42.75%

Democrats: 30.69%

District 3

Republicans: 41.99%

Democrats: 27.162%

District 4

Republicans: 44.14%

Democrats: 28.95%

In comparison to the map that was passed ten years ago by the Legislature, but did not stand up in court, January Blue has a significantly lower deviation.

Senator Jenkins said she had an interest in the Barber Congressional map. The partisan breakdown of Barber map is:

District 1

Republicans: 50.25%

Democrats: 25.59%

District 2

Republicans: 44.42%

Democrats: 28.4%

District 3

Republicans: 44.42%

Democrats: 28.4%

District 4

Republicans: 42.5%

Democrats: 27.81%

January Gold map was discussed. No Committee member expressed any interest in this map.

Senator Hensley said that Kansas Day map appears better than January Blue in deviation. The deviation approved by the Legislature ten years ago was 94%, but the Court deemed that unacceptable.

When asked about their support for the maps, Senators Lee, Schmidt and Teichman had interest in Kansas Day. Senators Pugh and Jenkins had interest in Barber. Senators Hensley, Lee and Haley had interest in

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Congressional Plan 1. (Attachment 7)

There were no other maps submitted.

Senator Haley wanted to see how Kansas Day could be modified for Linn County. Senator Corbin wanted the Indian reservations put back together in January Blue plan. This issue was discussed, but not seen as a major problem.

Senator Adkins asked if there were any maps being made that would require more time for preparation. There were none. He announced that the Committee would meet February 5 upon adjournment of the Senate to consider January Blue, Kansas Day, Congressional Plan 1 and Barber Congressional maps. He wants to present a congressional map for consideration to the Senate this week. He also announced he would like to consider Senate district maps this week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.