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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RULES AND REAPPORTIONMENT

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT

February 20, 1991 Taft High School Library 7:00 p.m. Lincoln City, OR
Tape 9

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Greg Walden, Chair Rep. Peter Courtney,
Vice-Chair Rep. Ron Cease Rep. Randy Miller

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Sexton, Committee Administrator

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TAPE 9, SIDE A

007 CHAIR WALDEN: Calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Gives an overview of the subcommittee's mission, why they are holding
the regional meetings, and some of the requirements and responsibilities
the subcommittee faces as they begin the process of redrawing the
congressional and legislative district lines for the next ten years.

Welcomes the audience and opens the public hearing.

(Tape 9, Side A) PUBLIC HEARING

052 SENATOR JOHN BRENNEMAN, SENATE DISTRICT #2: > Redistricting doesn't
have much local appeal as an issue. > Republicans in the Senate are
committed to a full, fair and open redistricting process and protecting
voting rights of all Oregonians with a specific respect for ethnic,
national or language heritage. > Represents the Siletz Indians, other
ethnic minorities, and the Grand Ronde Tribe. > Republicans in the
Senate strongly recommend that new districts recognize and respect the
natural geographic boundaries such as rivers, mountain ranges and
Willamette River in Portland. > The current emerging suburban areas
surrounding Portland should be recognized for their unique needs and
characteristics and adequately represented and their "communities of

interest" should be preserved. > Oppose any effort to dilute the voting strength of any group or political party and are unwilling to accept new districts that are designed with the sole purpose of protecting incumbents. > District has about half of the coast--all of Lincoln and all of Tillamook, western Lane County, districts in Benton County, rural Polk County, Yamhill County, and parts of Washington County. > Keep boundary lines in same agricultural community of interest.

135 DAVID HARLAN, PORT OF ASTORIA: Submits and summarizes written testimony against adding too many new port areas to either the 1st or 4th Congressional Districts as it would hinder the ability of representatives' insuring that Oregon's ports receive the federal money to help them stay competitive nationally and internationally (EXHIBIT A).

187 MARY SCHECTER, CHAIRMAN, LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY: Submits and summarizes written testimony in favor of keeping all of Lincoln County in one congressional district (EXHIBIT B).

247 DANA JENKINS, LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK: > Agrees that both the senate and the congressional districts should remain the same to include Lincoln County. > The state representative district runs through the middle of Lincoln City. > Use the county line as the divider between Districts 3 and 4 or use a geographic dividing point and draw a line straight across south of Lincoln City so that the north county area would be in one representative district.

292 CHAIR WALDEN: Thanks the audience for attending and adjourns the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

Carol Wilder Adrienne Sexton Assistant Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on Redistricting - David Harlan - 2 pages
B - Testimony on Redistricting - Mary Schecter - 1 page