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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RULES AND REAPPORTIONMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT

June 13, 1991 Hearing Room F 2:00 p.m. Tape 26

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Greg Walden, Chair Rep. Peter Courtney,
Vice-Chair Rep. Margaret Carter Rep. Bill Markham Rep. Tom Mason Rep.
Randy Miller

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Ray Baum

VISITING MEMBERS: Rep. Ron Cease Rep. Carl Hosticka

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Sexton, Committee Administrator Carol
Wilder, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 1000 - Redistricting, PH

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TAPE 26, SIDE A

004 CHAIR WALDEN: Calls the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. Opens a
public hearing on SB 1000.

SB 1000 - REDISTRICTING, PUBLIC HEARING

025 SENATOR JIM BUNN, SENATE DISTRICT #15: Submits and summarizes written testimony in favor of SB 1000-A, Minority Report (EXHIBIT A), and proposed amendments to Minority Report A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1000 (EXHIBIT B). Also available are five maps for visual overview of the districts -- statewide Senate, statewide House, Metropolitan Area Senate, Metropolitan Area House, and Congressional.

-Plan has 0% deviation in all House and Senate districts. -Enhances minority voting strength in three House and three Senate districts that have the most significant minority populations. -Plan protects and respects communities of interest.

093 CHAIR WALDEN: Could you walk us through which districts have been changed dramatically?

095 SEN. BUNN: Do you want me to go through all 60 districts?

097 CHAIR WALDEN: Not in any great detail, just major changes.

099 SEN. BUNN: -These districts are part of a co-terminus plan. First, are congressional districts; within that are six Senate districts which are divided in half for House districts.

-The 2nd Congressional District has the least significant changes as far as shifting areas.

-The district that covers parts of Deschutes and Klamath Counties would pick up part of Ashland, and we are shifting population from the Josephine-Jackson county area over to compensate for the shortfall that exists in Malheur, Harney, and Lake counties and also the shortage in Sen. _____'s district.

-A change was made in the coastal area -- now have three districts between Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties but will be changed to two districts.

-A new House district is created in the Washington-Clackamas county area.

123 REP. CEASE: Since I'm convinced that the Senate Democrats didn't pay attention to House districts when they drew their lines, I would have to ask if you paid attention to House districts when you drew your lines?

127 SEN. BUNN: We paid attention to House, congressional and Senate districts all at the same time.

132 SEN. BUNN: We paid attention to the House districts in the state of Oregon as part of our plan. Our House districts have high minority concentration where possible and they also have 0% deviation; that doesn't come about by accident.

-There would be a new House district created in southern Washington County and tying into Clackamas County. The rural Clackamas County area is also entitled to an additional House district. Washington and Clackamas counties would have House districts in proportion to their population as well as Multnomah County.

160 REP. MASON: What are your proposed pairings of those metropolitan House districts?

170 SEN. BUNN:

- The pairings in the districts for Senators Otto, Roberts, Gold, and Cease remain the same. - All the pairings have remained the same with the possible exception of the district that crosses into Washington County. - Did not base plan on existing numbers. We start on congressional districts, work down to Senate, work down to House. So the 1st Congressional District would contain the 1st through the 6th Senate districts and the 1st through the 12th House districts.

212 CHAIR WALDEN: Would that amount to a renumbering then?

214 SEN. BUNN: Yes, so that throughout the state I think there are a couple that stay the same, but we virtually renumber the entire state. We did not spend a great deal of effort trying to protect incumbent residences in existing districts. We felt that the criteria set out by the courts and the Constitution were population equity not incumbent protection. You have each received a copy of a report that has the districts as we renumber them, the existing numbers that those districts have and the pairings are underneath that.

220 REP. MASON: Is Senate District #3 that gray and light blue one?

225 SEN. BUNN: It would be made up of House Districts 5 and 6 which are currently Districts 7 and 6. It's currently Katz and Calouri and it would be paired as Calouri and Jones.

235 REP. MASON: How does that ripple through the rest of the pairings?

240 SEN. BUNN: The other part would be Meek's House district paired with rural Washington County House district. One of the difficulties in pairings is we've got Senate Democrat pairings, House majority pairings, and Senate minority pairings. I've got three different plans to try to keep in my mind when we're dealing with these. Part of the problem in the past, the communities of interest in Washington County have been divided by taking "pizza slices" out of Washington County into other districts. We've tried to make Washington County whole and by doing that Washington County residents would have an additional House seat that they've been entitled to and that would tie with the current basic district of Rep. Meek giving a new Senate pairing. Multnomah County currently has one more House seat than the population would call for and by making that adjustment that offset works off.

257 REP. MASON: The pairing remains the same on Sen. Phillips?

260 SEN. BUNN: That's correct.

262 REP. MASON: You've essentially blinked northwest Portland, added the surplus Multnomah county population, and paired Calouri, Jones, and taken Meek and paired that with a new district.

264 SEN. BUNN: That's generally correct, although once you eliminate a House district from Multnomah County you can shift the population among the other House districts that are underpopulated to come up with population equity.

270 SEN. BUNN: I would be happy individually or at another time to come back to answer questions if you have any after you've had a chance to look through the information we've provided. In addition to this summary, we can provide specifics on any given district or we also have a full report.

290 BOB GOLDSTEIN, CITIZEN: Felt that it was improper to co-mingle the House bill within the Senate bill and asked that the legislative plan and the congressional plan be separated. They are separate mandates; one is a federal mandate and one is a state constitutional mandate.

355 CHAIR WALDEN: Adjourns the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

Carol Wilder Adrienne Sexton Assistant Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A -"Senate Republican Legislative Redistricting Plan (SB 1000 - A Minority Report)" - Sen. Jim Bunn - 8 pages. B - Proposed Amendments to Minority Report A-Engrossed SB 1000 - Sen. Jim Bunn - 115 pages.