

Pursuant to public notice being posted on April 24, 1975 at 5:45 p.m. the Committee on Reapportionment convened in a public hearing and was called to order by the Chairman.

The roll was answered as follows:

Present: Blake, Reynolds, Adams, Coody, Bigham, Hall, Henderson, Ragsdale & Reyes (9).

Absent: Kubiak and Sutton (2).

A quorum was present.

The Chair recognized Mr. Adams for the Subcommittee Report on H.B. 1097.

Mr. Adams presented the Subcommittee Report on H.B. 1097 (a complete committee substitute).

The Chair laid out Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097 (the subcommittee report).

Mr. Sutton now present.

Discussion was held on format to be followed in the meeting.

The Chair recognized Mr. Bigham for a motion to limit testimony to ten minutes per individual unless granted additional time on the motion of a committee member.

There being no objection, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Reyes was recognized for his remarks concerning the order in which the counties would be discussed.

The Chair identified the nine counties to be discussed and the order of their consideration.

The Chair recognized Mr. Adams for a motion to amend Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097 as it pertains to Jefferson County.

The Chair recognized Rep. Slay to explain the Adams' amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097.

Mr. Slay spoke and answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Coody raised a point of order that the gentlemen's time had expired.

There being no objection, Mr. Slay's time was extended on a motion by Rep. Reyes.

The Chair called for witnesses for or against the Amendment.

The Chair recognized Reverend William Oliver III of Jefferson to testify on behalf of himself against the Adams Amendment and the Subcommittee Report.

Mr. Oliver testified and answered questions.

The Chair recognized Mr. Leontha J. Redd, representing the N.A.A.C.P. of Beaumont County, to testify against the Amendment and the Subcommittee Report.

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Mr. Redd spoke and answered questions.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else who wished to testify for or against the Adams Amendment.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reyes.

Mr. Reyes sent up a substitute to the Adams Amendment and was recognized by the Chair to present his substitute plan.

Mr. Reyes explained his substitute proposal and answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Reyes moved adoption of his substitute.

The Reyes Substitute to the Adams Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097:

A record vote was requested by Mr. Reyes.

A roll call vote on the Reyes Substitute reflected the following:

Ayes: Ragsdale, Reyes, Sutton (3).

Nays: Adams, Coody, Bigham, Hall (3).

Present Not Voting: Reynolds, Henderson, Blake (3).

There being 3 ayes, 4 nays, 1 absent and 3 present not voting, the Reyes Substitute failed of adoption.

The question recurred on the original amendment. Mr. Adams moved its adoption. Mr. Ragsdale requested a record vote on the Adams Amendment.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reyes to speak against the amendment.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ragsdale to speak against the Amendment.

The Adams Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097:

Ayes: Adams, Coody, Bigham, Hall (4).

Nays: Ragsdale, Reyes, Sutton (3).

Present Not Voting: Reynolds, Henderson, Blake (3).

There being 4 ayes, 3 nays, 1 absent and 3 present not voting, the Adams Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reynolds for a motion.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the Committee take up discussion of Lubbock County.

There being no objection, the Chair ruled Lubbock County would be discussed out of order and recognized Mr. Reynolds for an amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1, as it pertains to Lubbock County.

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The Chair recognized Mr. Reynolds to explain his amendment.

Mr. Reynolds spoke and answered questions from the Committee

The Chair recognized Mr. Reyes for a substitute to Mr. Reynold's Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reyes to explain his substitute.

Mr. Reyes spoke and answered questions from the Committee.

Discussion was held on both proposals.

Mr. Ragsdale requested a record vote on the Reyes' substitute to the Reynolds' Amendment.

Mr. Reynolds withdrew his amendment.

A record vote on the Reyes Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097 reflected the following:

Ayes: Reynolds, Coody, Bigam, Hall, Henderson, Ragsdale, Reyes, Sutton (8).

Nays: Adams (1).

Present Not Voting: Blake (1).

There being 8 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present not voting and 1 absent, the Reyes Amendment was adopted.

Mr. Potter of the Texas Legislative Council was directed to draft the appropriate language for the Reyes Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1, as previously adopted.

Mr. Coody asked that Tarrant County be discussed next.

There being no objection, the Chair so ruled.

The Chair recognized Mr. Sutton for a motion.

Mr. Sutton offered an amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 as it pertains to Tarrant County (the Willis Plan).

The Chair recognized Rep. Sherman to speak in favor of the Subcommittee Report.

Mr. Sherman spoke and answered questions.

The Chair recognized Rep. Willis to speak on behalf of his plan and the Sutton Amendment.

Rep. Willis spoke and answered questions from the Committee.

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The Chair recognized Rep. Spurlock to speak against the Willis Proposal (the Sutton Amendment).

The Chair recognized Rep. Willis.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ragsdale for a motion to send up a substitute to the Sutton Amendment.

Mr. Ragsdale sent up a substitute amendment (the Miller-Gladden Plan) to the Sutton Amendment to Subcommittee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097.

The Chair recognized Mr. Don Gladden representing himself to testify in favor of the Miller -Gladden Plan (the Ragsdale substitute).

Mr. Gladden spoke and answered questions.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Betty Fischer, representing herself to testify against the Willis and Sherman Plans and in favor of the Miller-Gladden Plan.

Mrs. Fischer spoke and answered questions.

The Chair asked for further witnesses for or against any of the plans on Tarrant County.

The Chair requested a record vote on the Ragsdale Substitute to the Sutton Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097.

A roll call vote on the Ragsdale Substitute reflected the following:

Ayes: Ragsdale, Sutton (2).

Nays: Adams, Coody, Bigham, Hall, Henderson, Reyes (6).

Present Not Voting: Reynolds, Blake (2).

There being 2 ayes, 6 nays, 1 absent and 2 present not voting, the Ragsdale substitute failed of adoption.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reyes to offer a substitute to the Sutton Amendment.

Mr. Reyes spoke in favor of his substitute and moved its adoption.

The Chair recognized Rep. Gib Lewis, a Tarrant County Representative, to speak in favor of the Sherman Plan and against the Reyes substitute.

The question recurred on the Reyes Substitute.

Mr. Ragsdale requested a record vote. Mr. Reyes withdrew his original substitute and offered an amended substitute.

A record vote on the amended Reyes Substitute to the Sutton Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097 reflected the following:

Ayes: Hall, Ragsdale, Reynolds, Reyes, Sutton (5).

Nays: Adams, Coody, Bigham, Henderson, Blake (5).

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There being 5 ayes and 5 nays the motion failed of adoption.

The question recurred on the Sutton Amendment (Willis Plan).

Mr. Ragsdale requested a record vote on all votes for the remainder of the meeting.

A record vote on the Sutton Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097 reflected the following:

Ayes: Hall, Sutton (2).

Nays: Adams, Coody, Henderson, Reynolds (4).

Present Not Voting: Ragsdale, Reyes, Blake, Bigham (4).

There being 2 ayes, 4 nays 1 absent and 4 present, the Sutton Amendment failed of adoption.

The Chair recognized Mr. Truan to speak in favor of the Subcommittee Amendment as it pertains to Nueces County. Mr. Truan spoke and answered questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Mr. Bigham for a motion. Mr. Bigham offered an amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 as it pertains to Nueces County and moved its adoption.

The Chair recognized Rep. Bigham to explain the Amendment.

The Chair recognized Rep. Hale to speak on behalf of the Bigham Plan.

The question recurred on the Bigham Amendment.

A roll call vote on the Bigham Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097 reflected the following:

Ayes: Adams, Coody, Bigham, Henderson, Reynolds (5).

Nays: Hall, Ragsdale, Reyes, Sutton (4).

Present Not Voting: Blake (1).

There being 5 ayes, 4 nays, 1 absent and 1 present not voting the Bigham Amendment Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097 was adopted.

The Chair recognized Mr. Adams for an amendment to Subcommittee Amendment No. 1 as it pertains to Hidalgo County and moved its adoption.

The Chair recognized Rep. Montoya to speak against Committee Amendment No. 1 and in favor of the Adams Amendment. Mr. Montoya spoke and answered questions.

A roll call vote on the Adams Amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 1097 reflected the following:

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Ayes: Adams, Bigham, Hall, Ragsdale, Reyes (5).

Nays: Reynolds, Sutton (2).

Present Not Voting: Coody, Blake (2).

There being 5 ayes, 2 nays, 2 absent and 2 present not voting, the Adams' Amendment was adopted.

The Chair laid out Committee Amendment No. 1 with amendments and called for discussion.

The Chair recognized Mr. Adams for a motion.

Mr. Adams moved that the Committee adopt Committee Amendment No. 1 as amended (Subcommittee Report as amended) and moved its adoption.

The Chair called for discussion in the Adams' motion.

Discussion was held.

The Chair recognized Representatives Ragsdale and Reyes to speak against the motion.

A roll call vote on the Adams' motion reflected the following:

Ayes: Adams, Coody, Bigham, Hall, Henderson, Reynolds, Blake (7).

Nays: Ragsdale, Reyes, Sutton (3).

Present Not Voting: None (0).

There being 7 ayes, 3 nays and 1 absent the Adams' motion prevailed.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reynolds for a motion.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the Committee send H.B. 1097, as amended, back to the House with the recommendation it do pass.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ragsdale. Mr. Ragsdale moved to table the Reynolds' motion.

The Clerk was asked to call the roll on the Ragsdale motion to table H.B. 1097 as amended. The roll reflected the following:

Ayes: Ragsdale, Reyes, Sutton (3).

Nays: Adams, Coody, Bigham, Hall, Henderson, Reynolds, Blake (7).

Present Not Voting: None.

There being 3 ayes, 7 nays and 1 absent the motion to table failed of adoption.

The question recurred on the Reynolds motion that H.B. 1097 as amended, be reported to the House with the recommendation it do pass and be printed.

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The Chair recognized Mr. Reyes and Ragsdale to speak against the motion.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reynolds to close on his motion.

A roll call on the Reynolds Amendment to report H.B. 1097, as amended, back to the House with a favorable recommendation reflecting the following:

Ayes: Adams, Coody, Bigham, Hall, Henderson, Reynolds, Blake (7).

Nays: Ragsdale, Reyes, Sutton (3).

Present Not Voting: None (0).

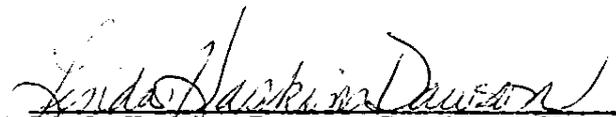
There being 7 ayes, 3 nays and one absent, the Reynolds' motion to report H.B. 1097 to the House with the recommendation that it do pass prevailed.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair recognized Mr. Coody for a motion that the Committee stand recessed, subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Committee on Reapportionment recessed at 12:30 p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.



REP. ROY BLAKE, CHAIRMAN



Linda Haskins Dawson, Committee Clerk

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