

April 14, 1975  
3:00 p.m.

Pursuant to public notice being posted on April 10, 1975 at 2:00 p.m. the Subcommittee on Legislative Reapportionment convened in a formal meeting and was called to order by the Chairman, Rep. Herman Adams.

Mr. Adams had to leave to attend another meeting and asked Mr. Reynolds to assume the Chair.

The roll was answered as follows:

Present: Coody, Reyes, Reynolds (3).

Absent: Sutton, Adams (2).

A quorum was present.

Mr. Reynolds, as temporary chairman, laid out plans for Travis County and recognized Reps. Earle and Delco to speak on their latest proposal.

Rep. Earle and Delco spoke on behalf of their plan and answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Adams now present and resumed the Chair.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reyes for a motion.

Mr. Reyes offered an amendment (the Earle-Delco Map with technical changes) to subcommittee amendment no. 1 to H.B. 1097 as it pertains to Travis County, and moved its adoption.

The Chair called for discussion on the Reyes amendment.

Discussion was held.

The Chair asked for a roll call vote on the Reyes amendment.

A roll call vote reflected the following:

Ayes: Coody, Reyes, Reynolds, Adams (4).

Nays: None (0).

There being 4 ayes, 0 nays and one absent the Reyes amendment to subcommittee amendment no. 1 was adopted (see committee amendment no. 8 attached)

Mr. Potter of the Texas Legislative Council was directed to draft the appropriate amendment in compliance with the Earle-Delco map with technical changes as discussed.

The Chair laid out Hidalgo County and requested questions on the Garcia-McDonald plan.

Informal discussion was held and the Chair recognized Rep. Tony Garcia to speak on behalf of his map.

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Mr. Garcia spoke and answered questions from the Committee.

Rep. Reyes requested the Committee postpone discussion on Hildalgo County until Tuesday morning, April 15, 1975 or until the next meeting. There was no objection and discussion on Hildalgo County as postponed.

The Chair laid Jefferson County, as pending business, before the Committee and asked for discussion.

The Chair recognized Mr. Reyes for a motion. Mr. Reyes moved that the Subcommittee suspend its own self-imposed rule in order that testimony on Jefferson County from persons present who reside in Jefferson County might be given.

There being no objection, the rule on testimony before the Subcommittee was suspended.

The Chair recognized and swore in Rep. W. B. Oliver III, to testify on behalf of himself against the Slay proposal.

Rep. Parker of Jefferson County entered the meeting and asked if he might address the Subcommittee immediately as he had another Committee meeting; the Chair recognized Rep. Parker for his remarks.

Mr. Parker spoke and answered questions on Jefferson County reapportionment.

Mr. Reynolds asked to be excused to attend another meeting.

The Chair once again recognized Rev. Oliver.

Rep. Oliver spoke and answered questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized and swore in Mr. Leantha J. Redd to testify on behalf of the NAACP against the Slay proposal.

Mr. Redd spoke and answered questions.

Th Chair thanked both witnesses for their interest and for coming to testify.

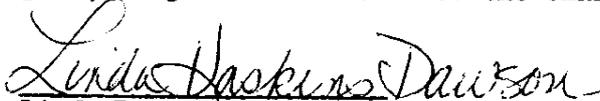
The Chair recognized Rep. Slay for remarks concerning his bill.

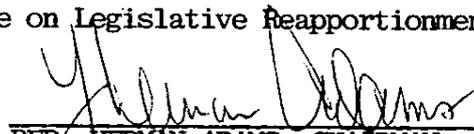
Mr. Slay spoke to the Committee telling them of his desire to see Jefferson County divided by a fair plan and that he was not attempting to push any particular plan, but to insure Jefferson County the opportunity to have reapportionment discussed on the House Floor.

Mr. Slay answered questions from the Committee.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman moved the Subcommittee on Legislative Reapportionment stand in recess until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 1975 or subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Subcommittee on Legislative Reapportionment recessed at 5:41 p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

  
Linda Dawson, Clerk

  
REP. HERMAN ADAMS, CHAIRMAN