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Texas House of Representatives

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## House Redistricting Committee

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### House Redistricting Committee

The House Redistricting Committee will hold a public hearing on Saturday, May 18, 1991, to take testimony on the preliminary redistricting proposal currently before the committee. The hearing will begin at 8:30 AM in Room 401 of the John H. Reagan Building, located at 105 West 15th Street in Austin. The public hearing will focus on redistricting proposals for Dallas and Harris County. Testimony on all regions of the state will be taken at the hearing. It is important that all interested parties give their input at the Saturday hearing in order to help forge the final version of the bill to be considered before the House of Representatives.

Public Hearing  
HOUSE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE  
May 18, 1991  
9:12 AM

Room 401, Reagan Building

Pursuant to a suspension of the five-day posting rule, in accordance with the House Rules, the House Redistricting Committee met in a public hearing and was called to order by the Chair, Representative Tom Uher, at 9:12 AM.

The roll was answered as follows:

PRESENT: Representatives Uher, Jones, Blair, Craddick, Earley, Finnell, Grusendorf, Marchant, McCollough, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits (12).

ABSENT: Representatives Martinez, Moreno, Wilson (3).

A quorum was present.

After a brief introduction, the Chair recognized Jeff Archer, senior redistricting counsel of the Texas Legislative Council, Richard E. Gray, and Michael Guinn, legal counsels for Texas Legislative Council, who discussed redistricting alternatives and issues.

Representative Wilson now present.

The Chair recognized William W. Kilgarlin, attorney and former Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, who testified on the committee's proposed redistricting plan.

Representative Moreno now present.

The Chair recognized Gary Bledsoe, President of the Austin Branch of the NAACP, who testified on the committee's proposed redistricting plan.

The Chair called on Gene Seaman who testified on the committee's redistricting plan for Districts 34, 35, and 36 in Nueces County.

The Chair recognized Mary Ann Wyatt, attorney representing the Texas Fair Redistricting Committee, who testified on the committee's redistricting plan.

The Chair recognized George Korbel, attorney representing Texas Rural Legal Aid, who testified on the committee's redistricting plan and offered a redistricting alternative for rural South Texas.

Representative Jones moved that the committee recess until after lunch.

There being no objection, the committee recessed until 1:30 PM.

The committee reconvened at 2:25 PM.



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The Chair called on Jeff Archer, Mr. Gray and Mr. Quinn to further explain the legal matters surrounding the committee plan.

The Chair recognized Representative Tim Von Dohlen and Representative Steve Holzheuser who jointly testified on the committee's redistricting plan.

The Chair again recognized Jeff Archer and Richard Gray who continued their testimony on the committee's redistricting plan.

The Chair moved that the committee recess.

There being no objection, the committee recessed until 3:30 PM. The committee reconvened at 3:35 PM.

The Chair recognized Jeff Archer who continued testimony on the committee's redistricting plan.

Representative Russell now Chair.

Representative Jones now Chair.

The Chair moved that the committee recess.

There being no objection, the committee recessed until 5 PM.

The committee reconvened at 6:13 PM.

Representative Jones moved that the committee recess.

There being no objection, the committee recessed until 7:30 PM.

The Chair laid out H.B. 150. and offered a complete committee substitute.

The Chair laid out Amendment #1 regarding Williamson County by McCollough and asked Representative McCollough to explain the amendment.

Representative Jones now Chair.

Representative Seidlits moved for the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Russell seconded the motion.

Representative Seidlits withdrew the motion for the adoption of Amendment 1.

There being no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

Representative McCollough moved for the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was adopted without objection.



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The Chair laid out Amendment #2 regarding Ector County by McCollough and asked Representative McCollough to explain the amendment.

Representative Craddick moved to table the amendment.

Representative McCollough moved to withdraw his amendment.

There being no objection, the amendment was withdrawn.

Representative Martinez now present.

The Chair laid out Amendment #3 regarding Dallas County by Blair and asked Representative Blair to explain the amendment.

Representative Marchant offered an amendment regarding Dallas County to Amendment #3 by Blair.

Representative Marchant moved to adopt the amendment to the amendment.

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYE: Representatives Craddick, Grusendorf, Marchant (3)

NAY: Representatives Uher, Blair, Earley, Finnell, Martinez, McCollough, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits, Wilson (10).

PNV: Representative Moreno (1).

ABSENT: Representative Jones (1).

Representative Blair moved to adopt Amendment #3 by Blair.

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYE: Representatives Blair, Marchant, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits (6).

NAY: Representatives Uher, Jones, Craddick, Earley, Finnell, Grusendorf, Martinez, McCollough, Wilson (9).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: (0).

The Chair laid out Amendment #4 regarding Harris County by Wilson and asked Representative Wilson to explain the amendment.

Representative Wilson moved to withdraw the amendment.

There being no objection, the amendment was withdrawn.

The Chair laid out Amendment #5 regarding Brazoria County by Craddick and asked Representative Craddick to explain the amendment.

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Representative Craddick moved for the adoption of the amendment.

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYE: Representatives Craddick, Marchant (2).

NAY: Representatives Uher, Jones, Blair, Earley, Finnell, Grusendorf, Martinez, McCollough, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits, Wilson (13).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: (0).

The Chair laid out Amendment #6 regarding Dallas County by Blair and asked Representative Blair to explain the amendment.

Representative Blair withdrew the amendment.

The Chair laid out Amendment #7 regarding the South Texas Region by Martinez and asked Representative Martinez to explain the amendment.

Representative Martinez moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYE: Representatives Martinez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Wilson (4).

NAY: Representatives Uher, Jones, Craddick, Earley, Finnell, Grusendorf, Marchant, McCollough, Russell, Seidlits (10).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: Representative Blair (1).

The Chair laid out Amendment #8 regarding Dallas County by Marchant and asked Representative Marchant to explain the amendment.

Representative Marchant moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion failed by the following vote.

AYE: Representatives Craddick, Grusendorf, Marchant (3).

NAY: Representatives Uher, Jones, Blair, Earley, Finnell, Martinez, McCollough, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits, Wilson (12).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: (0).

The Chair laid out Amendment #9 regarding the State by Russell and asked Representative Russell to explain the amendment.

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Representative Russell moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYE: Representatives Blair, Martinez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits (6).

NAY: Representatives Uher, Jones, Craddick, Earley, Finnell, Grusendorf, McCollough (7).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: Representatives Marchant, Wilson (2).

Representative Marchant asked to be show voting no to the adoption of the Russell amendment.

The Chair moved to reconsider the vote on the Russell amendment.

There being no objection, the motion was adopted.

The motion to adopt the Russell amendment became as follows:

AYE: Representatives Blair, Martinez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits (6).

NAY: Representatives Uher, Jones, Craddick, Earley, Finnell, Grusendorf, Marchant, McCollough (8).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: Representative Wilson (1).

The Chair laid out Amendment #10 regarding the State by Craddick and asked Representative Craddick to explain the amendment.

Representative Craddick moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion failed by the following vote.

AYE: Representative Jones, Craddick, Grusendorf, Marchant (4).

NAY: Representatives Uher, Blair, Earley, Finnell, McCollough, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits (8).

PNV: Representative Moreno (1).

ABSENT: Representatives Martinez, Wilson (2).

Representative Martinez asked to be shown voting "no." The Chair moved to reconsider the vote.

There being no objection, the motion to adopt the Craddick amendment became as follows:

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AYE: Representatives Jones, Craddick, Grusendorf, Marchant (4).

NAY: Representatives Uher, Blair, Earley, Finnell, Martinez, McCollough, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits (9).

PNV: Representative Moreno (1).

ABSENT: Representative Wilson (1).

Representative Jones now Chair.

The Chair laid out amendment #11 regarding the State by Craddick and asked Representative Craddick to explain the amendment.

Representative Craddick moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYE: Representatives Jones, Craddick, Grusendorf, Marchant, (4).

NAY: Representatives Earley, Finnell, Martinez, McCollough, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits (8).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: Representatives Uher, Blair, Wilson (3).

The Chair moved that the committee stand at ease.

There being no objection, the committee stood at ease at 10:09 PM.

The committee reconvened at 10:19 PM.

Representative Uher now Chair.

The Chair laid out Amendment #12 regarding Ector County by Craddick and asked Representative Craddick to explain the amendment.

Representative Craddick moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: Representatives Uher, Jones, Blair, Craddick, Finnell, Grusendorf, Marchant, Moreno, Wilson (9)

NAY: Representative McCollough (1).

PNV: Representative Seidlits (1).

ABSENT: Representatives Earley, Martinez, Rodriguez, Russell (4).

The Chair moved that Representative Rodriguez be allowed to be shown voting "no".



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The Chair moved to reconsider the vote.

There being no objection, the vote to adopt the Craddick amendment became as follows:

AYE: Representatives Uher, Jones, Blair, Craddick, Finnell, Grusendorf, Marchant, Moreno, Wilson (9).

NAY: Representatives McCollough, Rodriguez (2).

PNV: Representative Seidlits (1).

ABSENT: Representatives Earley, Martinez, Russell (3).

Representative Uher moved that C.S.H.B. 150, as amended, be adopted and be reported favorably to the full House with the recommendation that it do pass.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: Representatives Uher, Jones, Blair, Earley, Finnell, Martinez, McCollough, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Wilson (11).

NAY: Representatives Craddick, Grusendorf, Marchant, Seidlits (4).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: (0).

Representative Jones moved to allow the staff to incorporate the amendments into the committee substitute. There being no objection, the motion was adopted.

Representative Jones moved to allow the staff to make technical corrections to the bill. There being no objection, the motion was adopted.

Representative Moreno moved to adjourn.

There being no objection, the committee adjourned at 10:59 PM.

  
D.R. "Tom" Uher, Chair

  
Brian K. Jammer, Chief Clerk