

Public Hearing  
HOUSE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE  
November 26, 1991  
9:28 AM

Pursuant to a notice posted on November 21, 1991, in accordance with the House Rules, the House Redistricting Committee met in a public hearing on November 26, 1991 and was called to order by the Chair, Representative Tom Uher, at 9:28 AM.

The roll was answered as follows:

PRESENT: Uher, Jones, Earley, Finnell, McCollough, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Seidlits (9).

ABSENT: Blair, Craddick, Grusendorf, Marchant, Martinez, Wilson (6).

The Chair provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting and answered questions.

Representative Craddick now present.

Representative Marchant now present.

Representative Grusendorf now present.

Representative Blair now present.

Representative Martinez now present.

The Chair called on Mr. Renea Hicks of the Texas Attorney General's office and Mr. Jeff Archer, senior counsel of the Texas Legislative Council, for an update on redistricting lawsuits.

Representative Wilson now present.

Representative Jones moved that the committee stand-at-ease.

There being no objection, the committee stood-at-ease at 10:55 AM.

The Chair called the committee to order at 11:26 AM.

The Chair recognized Mr. Domingo Garcia, Dallas City Councilmember, who testified on redistricting of Dallas County.

The Chair recognized Mr. Roberto Alonzo, president of Mexican American Democrats, who testified on redistricting of Dallas County.

The Chair laid out Cameron County Proposal H680 and opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Representative Ken Fleuriet, District 38, who testified on the redistricting of Cameron County and in support of Proposal H680.

Representative McCollough moved that the committee recess until 1:30 PM.



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

The Chair called the committee to order at 2:18 PM.

The Chair laid out South Texas Proposal 1 (H668), South Texas Proposal 2 (H669), South Texas Proposal 3 (H670), and South Texas Proposal 4 (H671).

The Chair recognized Representative Tom Cate, District 45, who spoke in support of H670 and H671.

The Chair laid out the Bexar County Proposal (H675).

The Chair recognized Representative Ciro Rodriguez, District 118, who expressed support for the Bexar County Proposal.

The Chair laid out El Paso Proposal 1 (H677) and El Paso Proposal 2 (H685).

The Chair recognized Representative Nick Perez, District 74, who laid out Proposal H677, and spoke in favor of the proposal.

Representative Moreno laid out an alternate proposal.

Representative Finnell moved that the committee stand-at-ease.

There being no objection, the committee stood-at-ease at 3:14 PM.

The Chair called the committee to order at 7:11 PM.

The Chair laid out Dallas County Proposal 1 (H681), Proposal 2 (H682), Proposal 3 (H683), Proposal 4 (H686), and Proposal 5 (H688).

The Chair recognized Representative Blair to lay out Dallas County proposal H682.

Representative Blair offered a complete committee substitute to his Dallas County proposal (H688), and offered an amendment to the plan.

The Chair asked if there were any others present in the audience who wished to testify in favor or in opposition to any of the proposals under consideration. There being no one present, the Chair opened the floor to general testimony.

The Chair recognized Mr. Jim Duncan, who represented Texas Fair Redistricting, who presented the written testimony of Fred Meyer, Chairman, of the Texas Fair Redistricting Committee.

The Chair read into the record letters regarding different redistricting proposals.

The Chair moved that the House Redistricting Committee recommend back to the Speaker of the House of Representatives that the modification of certain districts contained in House Bill 150, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1991, be recommended as a compromise plan

for the purpose of satisfying the specific objections of the United States Department of Justice under the Voting Rights Act to the House Redistricting Plan contained in House Bill 150. There being no objection, the motion prevailed.

To remedy the South Texas objection, the Chair laid out H668, and moved its adoption. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: Uher, Jones, Blair, Earley, Finnell, Grusendorf, Marchant, McCollough, Seidlits (9).

NAY: (0).

PNV: (0).

ABSENT: Craddick, Martinez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Wilson (6).

To remedy the Cameron county objection, the Chair laid out H680 and moved its adoption. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: Uher, Jones, Blair, Earley, Finnell, Grusendorf, McCollough, Seidlits (8).

NAY: (0).

PNV: Marchant (1).

ABSENT: Craddick, Martinez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Wilson (6).

To remedy the Bexar County objection, the Chair offered H675 and moved its adoption. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: Uher, Jones, Blair, Earley, Finnell, Marchant, McCollough, Seidlits (8).

NAY: (0).

PNV: Grusendorf (1).

ABSENT: Craddick, Martinez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Russell, Wilson (6).

To remedy the El Paso county objection, the Chair offered H677 and moved its adoption. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: Uher, Jones, Blair, Earley, Finnell, McCollough, Russell, Seidlits (8).

NAY: (0).

PNV: Grusendorf, Marchant (2).

ABSENT: Craddick, Martinez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Wilson (5).

To remedy the Dallas County objections, Representative Blair offered H688, as amended, and moved its adoption. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: Uher, Jones, Blair, Earley, Finnell, McCollough, Russell, Seidlits,  
(8).

NAY: (0).

PNV: Grusendorf, Marchant (2).

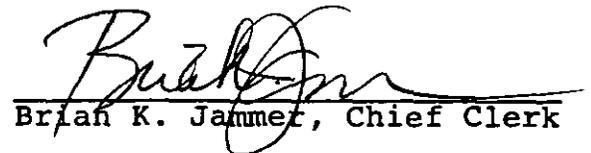
ABSENT: Craddick, Martinez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Wilson (5).

The Chair moved that staff be allowed to incorporate each proposal into one specific recommendation, and to allow the staff to make technical corrections. There being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Rep. Seidlits moved that the committee recess, subject to the call of the chair. There being no objection, the committee recessed at 10:11PM.



B.R. "Tom" Uher, Chair



Brian K. Jammet, Chief Clerk

### COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

COMMITTEE Redistricting  
 SUBCOMMITTEE

LOCATION: Reagan Room 401

DATE: 11/26/91

TAPE #	SIDE	BILL #	WITNESS/ACTION	REMARKS
1	A/B		Mr. Jeff Archer & Mr. Renea Hicks	update of redistricting issues
2	A		" " "	
2	A		Mr. Domingo Garcia, Councilmember	Dallas County
2	A		Mr. Roberto Alonzo, MAD	Dallas County
2	A		Rep. Ken Fleuriet	Cameron County
2	A/B		Rep. Tom Cate	South Texas
2	B		Rep. Nick Perez	El Paso
3	A		Rep. Fred Blair	Dallas County
3	A		Mr. Jim Duncan, Republican Party	

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