

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING**

**SB 2456**

2001 SPECIAL SESSION JOINT LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2456

Conference Committee

Hearing Date November 26, 2001

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Minutes:

Senator Holmberg, Chair, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m., Monday, November 26th, in the Brynhild Haugland Room, ground floor of the Capitol.

Roll call taken: All members present; Senators Holmberg, Chair; Bowman, Christmann, Freborg, Kringstad, T. Mathern, and Tomac. Representatives Timm, Aarsvold, Carlson, Devlin, Froseth, Gulleason, Hanson, and Monson.

Senator Holmberg, Chair: Welcomed committee members; John Bjornson, Counsel, Legislative Council, and guests. He explained how this session is expected to be conducted -- the session held ten years ago was different in that a consultant was hired to do the computer work; legislators worked with calculators and large drawings. Today's legislators have access to the computer software, which has maps and population data. The plan for this first meeting is to deal with the proposed amendment, #10825.0218 (copy attached) -- the technical problems in the

bill. The committee would ask the Senate to adopt the amendment and re-refer the engrossed bill back to committee.

Copies of the original bill, SB2456 and the proposed amendments, 10825.0218 were distributed. John Bjornson Legislative Council Staff, was present with the computer program, brought designed areas up on the screen and helped to explain the redistricting as it was approved by the committee. He distributed copies of more detailed information including the population figures (47 Revised West and 47 Revised).

Senator Holmberg: The map copy distributed (47 Revised West) conforms to the amendment and the population numbers are correct on the first sheet. More detailed maps (47 Revised).

Senator Mathern: Appears more changes here -- more signs and technology -- than noticed at first glance. Will this committee be receiving testimony? Before floor session?

Senator Holmberg: This is not intended for specific areas. Some county lines are noted, there will be opportunities once the engrossed bill is before the committee. Believe everyone has access to the computer program/map.

Senator Tomac: The Majority leader distributed a map this am -- different than this one, why the confusion?

Senator Holmberg: The map before us is current with the proposed amendment.

Senator Tomac: Credibility questions? Give out map then change?

Senator Holmberg: Unaware of the copy you saw.

Representative Timm: Same? Perhaps Legislative Council staff can provide some explanation of what is before us?

John Bjornson Two page copy before you (47 Revised West) contains revisions in districts 31-33-36.

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Representative Cullerson: Thought we would be working with the 47 plan passed November 16th in the committee and we would be working off that?

Senator Holmberg: Correct; but first process is to take care of county lines in questions etc. We should work on the two page map, which goes with the amendment -- pass the amendment, have the engrossed bill referred back to the committee for further discussion.

John Bjornson: 1) the amendments reflects the big package; two pages replace the full package here. Perhaps individual committee members could better explain changes.

Representative Devlin: Review of the changes included counties of Richland, Ramsey, Dickey, LaMoure, Cass, Steele, Eddy, and Benson. City changes involved Jamestown. Boundary lines, before and after change; along with reasoning for change were discussed.

Senator Kringstad: Bismarck changes were discussed.

John Bjornson: Screen is reflective of changes.

Senator Devlin: Representative Carlson---like to describe change in Fargo district?

Representative Carlson: Deferred to Senator Holmberg.

Senator Holmberg: Reviewed changes, presenting rationale for each.

Representative Devlin: Senator Christmann 31, 36 and 37?

Senator Christmann: Went through changes, along with rationale for change.

Senator Holmberg: Grand Forks changes described; rationale given. Due to auditor's request, 43 went out to railroad tracks, beyond city boundary -- there were seven (7) people involved in this area which would need a polling place. For economic reasons, the 7 people were moved to 17 -- where a polling place is in effect; thus saving the expense of setting up a new polling place.

Senator Christmann: Reported on changes in southwest corner.

Senator Holmberg: 47 revised wise --okay?

John Blomson: Yes; some deviation. Largest: 30 with 14,339; 4.94 over. All within 10% variance; 9 lower.

Senator T. Mathern: Rationale used in 28?

Representative Devlin: Explanation given, out of 24; split city in half; don't know of any problems.

Senator T. Mathern: Could be a simpler way?

Senator Tomac: Rationale for change 31, 33, and 36, considering Mandan having extra territorial limitation of 2 miles?

Senator Christmann: Too many people to go 2 mile limit. Explained rationale used; move leave net for 36; change is doable.

Senator Holmberg: Regarding terms used: fractionalize counties --- this is not rocket science; but simple arithmetic. We seem to zero in on the divided --- not the zero number that were not divided. Need to look at the Big Picture.

Senator Tomac: Point: fractionalizing effect will issue non-funded mandate to counties? Room for change?

Senator Holmberg: Throughout the session we'll look to evaluating; passing some, not others. Attend to this amendment, pass, go to engrossed and back to Committee for next meeting which will follow this afternoon's Senate Floor Session.

Representative Carlson: Considering all the explanations; move adoption of proposed amendment 10825.0218, and re-refer engrossed bill 2456 back to this Committee.

Representative Monson: Second.

Representative Guleson: Resisting amendment. Understood the intent was to work off the bill.

Representative Aarsvold: I have a Reynolds amendment, but will hold at this time/

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Senator Holmberg: Accepted.

Representative Devlin: Regarding earlier meetings, not all changes were in map form --- changes in map form first then do the legals.

Senator Holmberg: As committee members come up with ideas -- be sure to check your casus computer program.

John Blomson: Between now and the next meeting, I will do copy to CD's for casus use.

Senator Holmberg: Call for the vote: 10 yes; 5 no; 0 absent and not voting. Floor assignment was accepted by Senator Holmberg.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.

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**REP. MIKE TIMM, CHAIRMAN:** Called the committee hearing to order with all committee members present. He stated that information would be presented by some of the representatives first as they had to go to another meeting.

**REP. REX BYERLY** Presented amendments and a map, see attached copies. He presented an aerial map of the city of Williston to show boundary lines. He stated that thirteen houses were landlocked with the proposed 47 Plan. The amendment will draw the line straight across from twenty second street to the boundary of the Little Muddy Creek. There would be a variance of one hundred people which would move back into District 2 and out of District 1. It still leaves both of those districts at a minus four percent. One minor little problem we have if we go down the township line, you are basically going right through the livingroom of one person's house.

**REP. FRANK WALD** Presented an amendment to District 37 in Dickinson, he explained that the area being amended has always been in District 37, however, the 47 Plan placed it in District

