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2011 SPECIAL SESSION I

VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

REDISTRICTING FLOOR DEBATES

Monday, April 4, 2011
APPARENCES

Rev. Anne N. Gimenez - Rock Church, Virginia Beach

DELEGATES PRESENT:

M. Kirkland Cox - Colonial Heights (R-66)
John A. Cosgrove - Chesapeake (R-78)
Joe Morrissey - Henrico (D-74)
S. Chris Jones - Suffolk (R-76)
Jeion A. Ward - Hampton (D-92)
Lionell Spruill, Sr. - Chesapeake (D-77)
Rosalyn R. Dance - Petersburg (D-63)
Tony O. Wilt - Rockingham (R-26)
Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr. - Accomack (D-100)
R.B. Bell - Albemarle (R-58)
their hand and say, "I reviewed the Commission's plan sent to the Governor or I reviewed even one of the 30 to 35 students plans"? I doubt that that was done.

Mr. Speaker, we have an obligation and responsibility to do our job, to do the people's business, to do it in a nonpartisan fashion when we can. Mr. Speaker, your party had a noble and great opportunity to do that. It dropped the ball. It didn't do that and at the end of the day we come up with the same thing that the Democrats did for 100 years before; a very partisan, a very not the people's business map, and we did a disservice to the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: The gentleman from Richmond City, Mr. Loupassi. The gentleman from Mr. Suffolk, Mr. Jones.

DEL. JONES: Mr. Speaker, point of personal privilege.

THE SPEAKER: The gentleman has the floor.

DEL. JONES: Mr. Speaker, I was interested to
I've looked at the plans from the students. As a matter of fact, I believe as late as 10:00 last night I had staff down here trying to get the correct version of one of the student's plans so I could actually look at it.

The Governor's Commission promised plans last week. They came in at 8:30 on Saturday night. I left my daughter, who had a concert at William & Mary. Come up here yesterday and worked until 2:00 this morning trying to look at both of those plans that were supposedly going to be here last week. And I plan to look at those plans this afternoon.

Professor Kidd, he used to be a constituent of mine. A fine gentleman and I commend him for his getting the students involved in the process of government. So I have looked at both of the plans from the college competition. There were some flaws. There was a plus or minus deviation of 20 percent in one district so they were trying...
1 said -- he drew up a little map about where he is.
2 He also spoke of in a previous meeting about
3 another minority district. And Number 1, I said
4 to the members here, is that we don't need another
5 minority district, Mr. Speaker, because if we want
6 another minority district, as you all would call
7 it, but let's say another black district, we don't
8 need it.
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10 Because my friend Joe Morrissey, where he
11 live, that is a black district, and if the blacks
12 want another district they should take that seat.
13 If my friend, Joe Morrissey, is concerned about
14 another district, which he is, he spoke up earlier
15 about another minority seat, then he should have
16 stepped down and give it to a black person and
17 we'll have another seat.
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19 Mr. Speaker, again, then the question came
20 about the line that was drawn about with Delegate
21 Chris Jones. I've had people to call me,
22 Mr. Speaker, both white and of course you all
23 blacks, you're all minority blacks, as they call
24 you all, both called me and said, "Do you know
and my concern is now, now you another party in control who's tried to work it out with everybody. You ask me, "Am I going to vote for this plan?"
Yes. You ask me, "Do I believe that it was fair, that Chris Jones did the best that he could?"
Yes.

To the Democrats; after all, he is a Republican, you know. He's got to do something for them. He's got to lookout for himself first and then give us a bone and I believe he has given us two or three bones, Mr. Speaker.

So I just want you all to know that when these people just get up and yap, yap about it, remember what goes around, come around. Remember when we were in control, the good Democrats. I don't know what I am right now, Mr. Speaker, but I want them to remember when they were in control how it was done. And that at least -- I only use Chris Jones, because it's who I know, at least he is trying to be fair to everybody. I'm asking all my colleagues to vote for this plan.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
adjustments between precincts. There might have
been some split areas, but those were the kind of
things that were happening, but we were talking
with legislators as we went. Things were not done
in a vacuum.

I know that even though a bill has been
introduced, that in working with our Chair that
there is going -- there are still options and, of
course, some amendments and I'm sure before a bill
is passed there will be some more amendments
there.

And I see this as truly a fair process. It's
not a perfect process, but I don't think it's one
that will have us jumping up and down and have
fits. We're not going to agree; but we can
respectfully agree or disagree as we go.

But I'm still proud to be a part of this
team. I still hope that at the end of day that
there will be more of us in agreement than not and
that we will be able to pass a plan and leave this
House. Because I think this is one of the most
important bills that we will pass and that is what
the 100 House seats will look like in the next 10 years.

And I was pleased to be a part of that committee and I'm not going to be jumping up and down and say it's African-American or Euro-Americans, but I do say that we need 55 percent at least voting African-Americans, not just a population to show 55 percent African-Americans. Because a lot of us know that statistics show that we don't always vote.

Even though I come -- I live in Petersburg, predominantly African-American, if the percentage might be -- it should be 100 percent. It will be 40 percent. If it was (unintelligible word) if I live in the community and I was your American -- if it was 100 percent, you'd get about 60 percent. And so you have to deal with those realities. That's the realities we're dealing with as we model, as we look at the statistics that we're working with.

And hope you all will consider that. And I stand open even on my side; if those legislators
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