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1 PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

2 ON REAPPORTIONMENT

3 PUBLIC HEARING

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6 TIME: 4:00 PM CST

7 LOCATION: UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA

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10 Senator Jim McClendon, State Representative

11 Chris Pringle, Attorney Dorman Walker are in

12 attendance virtually.

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1                   SENATOR MCCLENDON: I'm Jim  
2       McClendon. I am the Senate Chairman of the  
3       Redistricting Committee. On my right over  
4       here is Representative Chris Pringle. He is  
5       the House Chairman of Redistricting. And on  
6       my left is Mr. Dorman Walker, an attorney.  
7       He is the hearing officer for today, and he  
8       works for the Redistricting Committee. That  
9       is his job. Every ten years after the  
10      census is done the Redistricting Committee  
11      is charged with the job of redrawing the  
12      districts for the State Board of Education,  
13      for the Congressional districts, for the  
14      Alabama Senate districts, and Alabama House  
15      districts. Two things happen with the  
16      census when it's taken and we get the data.  
17      It tells us not only how many people there  
18      are, but it tells us where they are. We  
19      like to abide by the concept of one person,  
20      one vote. And so we have to adjust the  
21      districts to get the number of people back  
22      up or down. Some districts increase in  
23      number, and so have to make adjustments to  
24      reduce that number to get it back to the one  
25      person, one vote. We have plus or minus 5%

1 latitude on House, Senate, and BOE  
2 districts. We do not have that latitude for  
3 Congressional districts. I'll give you an  
4 example. An ideal Senate district based on  
5 the new data that we have just received is  
6 143,551 people. Now, let's see. We're in  
7 Union Springs, aren't we? Is that where we  
8 are? Okay. I will give you some numbers  
9 for districts that are in your area so we  
10 can see what has happened to the population.  
11 Senate District 25 has actually increased in  
12 population by about 6,200 people, while  
13 Senate District 28 has decreased by 6,400  
14 people. And Senate 27 has increased by  
15 22,700 people. So, you can see -- here is  
16 one more in your area. 31, Senate 31 is  
17 down by about 2,800 people. So, the House  
18 districts, a target -- not a target but an  
19 ideal size of the district is 47,850. So, in  
20 your area -- there you are. House District  
21 82 is down by about 4,800. 84 is down by  
22 about 1,900. 89 is down by 2,200. 90 is  
23 down by about 5,600. And I've got a couple  
24 more here. No. That is back on the Senate.  
25 So, that gives you an idea of what is going

1 on in your area as far the adjustments we  
2 will have to compensate for when we change  
3 these lines around. Let me introduce you to  
4 State Representative Chris Pringle.

5 REPRESENTATIVE PRINGLE: Thank  
6 you, Senator. Again, I am State  
7 Representative Chris Pringle from the 101  
8 District in Mobile, Alabama. I would like to  
9 welcome you and explain today we will call  
10 you to speak in the order in which you  
11 signed up. Speakers are limited to three  
12 minutes. If you have not signed up -- when  
13 you come to the microphone state your name  
14 clearly and spell it and state which you  
15 community you represent and/or which  
16 district or districts you wish to speak  
17 about. If you decide you want to speak but  
18 have not signed up, we will ask at the end  
19 if there is anyone who hasn't spoken who  
20 would like to. If you are participating  
21 remotely, send your questions, and we'll  
22 read it into the record. This hearing is  
23 being transcribed by a court reporter who is  
24 working remotely. If you have something you  
25 would like to introduce into the record,

1 bring it with you and leave it with the  
2 hearing officer who will forward it to us,  
3 and we will put it into the permanent record  
4 of the Committee. Today's hearing is on the  
5 issue of redistricting. No other issue  
6 pending before -- we are not here to discuss  
7 any other issue pending before the Alabama  
8 Legislature at this time. So, please keep  
9 all comments germane to the issue of  
10 redistricting. With that, I'll turn it over  
11 to Mr. Dorman Walker. Thank you.

12 MR. WALKER: Thank you,  
13 Representative Pringle, and thank you to the  
14 National Guard Armory there in Union  
15 Springs -- go army -- for hosting this  
16 hearing. Thank you for those of you  
17 attending there and for those of you  
18 attending online. Your participation is  
19 important. If there are any members of the  
20 media in the room at Union Springs, would  
21 they please identify themselves? Before we  
22 take testimony, I would like to cover some  
23 principles of redistricting and some of the  
24 rules that the Legislature is bound by when  
25 it draws districts, maybe the process that

1 we're undergoing right now which might be  
2 helpful to you. Senator McClendon mentioned  
3 the ideal population. That is kind of the  
4 driving engine of redistricting. And to  
5 calculate the ideal population, you simply  
6 divide the number of districts that you have  
7 into the new population for the state, which  
8 is roughly 5 million. So, to get the ideal  
9 population for a House district, you would  
10 divide 5 million by 105 House districts, or  
11 for the Senate, 105 by 35 Senate districts.  
12 The same process for the State Board of  
13 Education or the Congressional delegation.  
14 The Legislature has given for most of those  
15 districts -- has given itself discretion, as  
16 Senator McClendon mentioned, to deviate from  
17 the ideal population plus or minus 5%. That  
18 puts some room in the system that allows the  
19 Legislature to reduce splits of counties,  
20 voting precincts, and communities of  
21 interest. So, that is a good thing. As we  
22 move through these hearings -- and this is  
23 the last one today. We'll have four more  
24 tomorrow, and then they will be concluded.  
25 We have conducted hearings all around the

1 state over the last two weeks. Each hearing  
2 is transcribed by a court reporter, and you  
3 will be able to find those transcripts at  
4 the Reapportionment web site. To get there,  
5 Google "Alabama Legislature," and then click  
6 on "Redistricting." And from there you will  
7 be able to go to get the transcript for each  
8 of these hearings, as well as any exhibits  
9 that were added to the hearings, added at  
10 the hearings to the transcript. So, that is  
11 the record of these hearings. The record is  
12 being considered by the Legislature, by  
13 legislators as they go about the business of  
14 drawing maps. They are meeting now and  
15 members of the Congressional delegation,  
16 their staff, State Board of Education with  
17 the map drawers to talk about how they would  
18 like for their districts to be changed or  
19 not changed, how they would like -- if they  
20 have to gain population, where they would  
21 like that population to come from, one of  
22 their adjoining districts, of course, or if  
23 they need to shed population, what they  
24 would like to shed or need to shed.  
25 Obviously, that has to be done in

1 conjunction with the surrounding districts.  
2 So, there is a lot of coordination that is  
3 involved in that process. Nevertheless, at  
4 some point a plan will coalesce, and at the  
5 appropriate time that plan will be  
6 introduced. And the appropriate time is  
7 when Governor Ivey calls a special session.  
8 We don't know when a special session will be  
9 drawn, or at least I don't. But it is  
10 rumored to be the latter part of October.  
11 Once a special session is called,  
12 legislators can prefile plans that will be a  
13 Committee plan for each of the districts  
14 that we have talked about. In addition, any  
15 legislator can file her or his own plan.  
16 There will be at least one other plan  
17 filed. The Alabama League of Women's Voters  
18 has proposed a plan -- we don't have the  
19 full details of it yet -- for the  
20 Congressional districts, and it's a plan in  
21 which no counties are split. The deviation  
22 is a bit high. And instead of having one  
23 majority black district, as we have now, it  
24 has two districts that are opportunity  
25 districts. I believe the population of one,



1 which would be Representative Sewell's, is  
2 40% and the other one is 45%. So, that is a  
3 different approach, and that will be  
4 introduced by Senator Singleton, I believe.  
5 So, if you want to draw a plan, you  
6 certainly can. There are facilities for  
7 drawing plans at ASU, at some of the  
8 Regional Development Centers around the  
9 state, Economic Development Centers around  
10 the state. And you can send anything you  
11 want into the Committee for consideration.  
12 However, if want to have a plan considered  
13 by the Legislature, it has to be sponsored  
14 by a legislator, of course. If you want to  
15 see what plans have been introduced as  
16 bills, once the special session is announced  
17 and legislators can start prefiling their  
18 bills, you can go, again, to the Alabama  
19 Legislature web site. Go to either the  
20 House or the Senate chamber, and you can  
21 look for refiled bills and see those bills.  
22 Once the bills are introduced, it will go  
23 for a committee hearing, and that committee  
24 hearing will be live streamed. It will be  
25 open to the public. If you are vaccinated,

1 you will not have to wear a mask. If you  
2 are not vaccinated, you will have to wear a  
3 mask. In addition, the special legislative  
4 session itself will be live streamed. And,  
5 again, the public may attend provided they  
6 follow the masking policy. The Legislature  
7 can't simply draw districts in any way it  
8 wants. There are some rules that control  
9 what it can do. I will go over those very  
10 quickly with you. Overarching everything  
11 are two rules. One is that the new  
12 districts for all four plans, State Board of  
13 Education, Congressional, Senate, and House,  
14 in each plan the district much have equal or  
15 approximately equal population. That is the  
16 first thing. That's one person one vote,  
17 which is just a fancy way of saying equal  
18 population among all districts. Second is  
19 that no plan can be adopted that the  
20 Legislature or the Committee concludes  
21 violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act  
22 in that it discriminates on the basis of  
23 race, color, or membership in a language  
24 minority group, or violates the Equal  
25 Protection Clause or other Constitution or

1 statutory provisions. No district will be  
2 drawn in a manner that subordinates  
3 race-neutral districting criteria -- and  
4 I'll go over what those are in a second --  
5 to considerations of race, color, or  
6 membership in a foreign language minority  
7 group, except that race, color, or  
8 membership in a language minority group may  
9 predominate over race-neutral districting  
10 criteria if necessary to comply with Section  
11 2 of the Voting Rights Act provided that the  
12 State has a strong basis in evidence for  
13 such a race-based choice. Strong basis in  
14 evidence exists when there is good reason to  
15 believe race must be used in order to  
16 satisfy the Voting Rights Act. The  
17 race-neutral criteria that I mentioned  
18 earlier includes the following: When the  
19 Legislature draws districts, they should be  
20 reasonably compact. Obviously, that is  
21 relative. Congressional districts will be  
22 much larger than a House district. So,  
23 compactness is a relative term. The  
24 Legislature has to draw them as compact  
25 districts. All districts should be drawn to

1 reflect the democratic will of the people  
2 concerning how their government should be  
3 structured. So, that is one of the reasons  
4 why your attendance is important in these  
5 hearings, because it's an opportunity for  
6 the Legislature to hear what that will is.  
7 The Legislature has to draw 35 Senate  
8 districts and 105 House districts, although  
9 the Constitution would allow for 106 House  
10 districts. All districts must be  
11 single-member districts. That means only  
12 one person is elected from each district.  
13 In some areas of the country, there are  
14 multi-party districts where a number of  
15 people are all elected from the same  
16 district, but we don't have that. Districts  
17 between incumbents are avoided whenever  
18 possible. Contiguity is required for all  
19 districts. That means that every point on  
20 the district must be tangent with some other  
21 point on some other district or the state  
22 boundary. Contiguity across water is  
23 allowed. So, if your district is divided by  
24 a river or lake, Mobile Bay, that does not  
25 destroy contiguity. Districts when they're

1 drawn shall respect communities of interest,  
2 neighborhoods, and political subdivisions to  
3 the extent practicable. A community of  
4 interest is defined as an area with  
5 recognized similarities of interest,  
6 including but not limited to ethnic, racial,  
7 economic, tribal, social, geographic, and  
8 historical identities. The term  
9 "communities of interest" may in certain  
10 circumstances include political  
11 subdivisions, such as counties, voting  
12 precincts, municipalities, tribal lands, and  
13 reservations, and school districts. The  
14 discernment, weighing and balancing of the  
15 various factors that contribute to  
16 communities of interest is an intensely  
17 political process best carried out by the  
18 elected representatives of the people.  
19 Districts are supposed to be reasonably  
20 compact, and the Legislature should try to  
21 minimize the number of counties in each  
22 district. The Legislature should also try  
23 to preserve the cores of the existing  
24 districts. In establishing legislative  
25 districts, the Reapportionment Committee

1 will give due consideration to all of the  
2 race-neutral criteria that I have described.  
3 However, priority is given to the State  
4 compelling interest in complying with  
5 Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and in  
6 equal population, establishing equal  
7 population. In addition, among the  
8 race-neutral criteria, there is no  
9 established priority. And where two  
10 criteria conflict, the Legislature will use  
11 its discretion to determine which one takes  
12 precedence. We're now ready to receive  
13 public comments. I don't have a sign-in  
14 sheet, which I usually do. So, if there is  
15 anyone there in the National Guard Armory at  
16 Union Springs who wishes to speak, would you  
17 raise your hand? Yes, sir. Would you  
18 please come up and speak? The gentleman in  
19 the back --

20 HEARING COORDINATOR: It's on his  
21 cell phone.

22 MR. WALKER: I see. It's on his  
23 cell phone. Sir, in the front, the  
24 gentleman in the orange shirt is going to  
25 bring you his cell phone.

1 MR. TRAMMELL: Hello.

2 MR. WALKER: Hello. Welcome.

3 And please state your name.

4 MR. TRAMMELL: Okay. You can hear  
5 my clearly?

6 MR. WALKER: We've got a little  
7 echo, but we will work with it.

8 MR. TRAMMELL: Okay.

9 MR. WALKER: Would you mute the  
10 phone? Mute the computer. I'm sorry.

11 MR. TRAMMELL: Okay. Is that  
12 better?

13 MR. WALKER: That is much better.

14 MR. TRAMMELL: Okay. All right.  
15 My name is Guy --

16 MR. WALKER: Would you spell that,  
17 please, sir?

18 MR. TRAMMELL: G-u-y  
19 T-r-a-m-m-e-l-l.

20 MR. WALKER: What was your first  
21 name?

22 MR. TRAMMELL: G-u-y. That's Guy.  
23 Like guy down the street.

24 MR. WALKER: I get you. Thank  
25 you.

1 MR. TRAMMELL: (Inaudible.) I'm  
2 not used to that. Anyway, okay. I'm here  
3 from Macon County within the district --  
4 it's the house district -- (inaudible.)

5 THE COURT REPORTER: Guys, did you  
6 lose him, too?

7 SENATOR MCCLENDON: Did you lose  
8 him, Court Reporter?

9 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes. I  
10 can't hear him at all.

11 MR. WALKER: Sir, hang on. The  
12 court reporter can't hear you.

13 MR. TRAMMELL: Ut-oh. We have a  
14 problem.

15 THE COURT REPORTER: I can hear  
16 him now.

17 MR. WALKER: She can hear you now.

18 THE COURT REPORTER: He had gone  
19 out. The last I heard was he lives in Macon  
20 County.

21 MR. TRAMMELL: Yes. It's joined  
22 between Macon County and Bullock County.  
23 What I'm looking at is the health aspects.  
24 In other words, Macon County doesn't have a  
25 hospital. There is one in Bullock County.



1 But again, health aspects -- okay. The  
2 health aspects are very similar as far as  
3 the population. Also, economic development,  
4 which is the same in Macon and in Bullock  
5 County. And I'm saying that together they  
6 can work together to actually increase  
7 economic development and really take us to  
8 the next level, to the 21st century. We even  
9 look at technology. As we're moving towards  
10 the 21st century versus bringing in fiber  
11 optics and broadband for both of our  
12 educational institutions, children, both the  
13 tele-health and so much more that is needed,  
14 that by working together we can have a much  
15 stronger district if both Bullock and Macon  
16 County are the same district. Macon  
17 County has Interstate 85. (Inaudible) 29.  
18 29. And build up, again, by working  
19 together. Before when Macon County was  
20 first formed in 1832 there wasn't a Lee  
21 County, and Bullock County, all of that was  
22 formed -- what I'm saying is we have Lee  
23 County added to the south. You have Bullock  
24 County. And I think that will make a much  
25 stronger district with the -- (inaudible).

1 That can be something that I think we can  
2 really use in Alabama. Really show that  
3 (inaudible) can be helped. (Inaudible)  
4 This would be something that -- we can  
5 actually move together, move forward. Macon  
6 County does have Tuskegee University. I  
7 think that could strengthen then both the  
8 health aspects, the economic development,  
9 technology, work together with Bullock  
10 County. This is a very strong region of the  
11 state. Thank you so much.

12 MR. WALKER: Thank you, sir.  
13 Thank you for your good comments. Anyone  
14 else there in the auditorium who would like  
15 to speak today? Yes, ma'am.

16 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN:  
17 (Inaudible.)

18 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry guys  
19 to interrupt. I can't hear at all. I'm  
20 sorry.

21 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN:  
22 (Inaudible.)

23 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.  
24 One more time. Start from the beginning. I  
25 can hear you now. I'm sorry.

1 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: This is  
2 Representative Pebblin Warren.

3 MR. WALKER: She's saying Pebblin  
4 Warren, P-e-b-l-i-n W-a-r-r-e-n.

5 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: It's two  
6 Bs.

7 MR. WALKER: I knew that. I'm  
8 sorry. P-e-b-b-l-i-n. Sorry, Representative  
9 Warren.

10 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: That's  
11 okay. As I've looked and I've listened, and  
12 having served District 82 since its  
13 existence, I have basically --

14 MR. WALKER: Representative Warren,  
15 you're not coming in clearly. Court  
16 reporter, can you make out what she's  
17 saying?

18 THE COURT REPORTER: Most of  
19 that. It's just really garbled. I'm  
20 struggling, no doubt.

21 MR. WALKER: I think it's better  
22 if you take your mask off. Okay.

23 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: Okay. In  
24 looking at what we have in terms of District  
25 82, and serving that position since its

1 inception, one of the biggest issues I've  
2 had -- right now you don't have any figures  
3 as it relates to the breakdown of the racial  
4 numbers as to who is who in these numbers.  
5 When will be getting that breakdown by race?

6 MR. WALKER: I'm sorry. What were  
7 you asking? You don't have any racial  
8 breakdown for what?

9 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: These  
10 figures that we have here.

11 MR. WALKER: If they are  
12 cities -- if they have a population of  
13 5,000 or more -- you want the race breakdown  
14 of your district or cities?

15 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: The  
16 district. The district.

17 MR. WALKER: That is available  
18 now.

19 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: Okay.  
20 It wasn't in the handout that I received.

21 MR. WALKER: It was not maybe  
22 available at the time of that.

23 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: Okay. In  
24 essence, what I'm trying to say is that I  
25 know that the way this district is drawn now

1 is very gerrymandering because they added me  
2 onto Tallapoosa County, and I have to cross  
3 another legislative district to get to the  
4 other side of my district, which doesn't  
5 make any sense at all. I hop and skip. And  
6 I'm hopping and skipping because of the  
7 racial, ethnic of the people in those  
8 areas. It's obvious. Anybody can look and  
9 see. I'm not consistent, and that break is  
10 because there is a racial break in there.  
11 I'm asking that whatever we do this time we  
12 make it halfway convenient for the  
13 legislators because when I go out to my  
14 district, to stay in my district, I have to  
15 cross three other districts to get back into  
16 my district the way it's set up. You look  
17 at maps, and it looks like it's okay. But  
18 what you're not seeing is so much of these  
19 are trees and forests. So, you've got to  
20 find a way to use a highway to get to where  
21 you're going. This has really been a  
22 problem for me. And as Mr. Trammell has  
23 said, if we use (inaudible), Bullock, and a  
24 portion of Lee -- because Lee has really  
25 grown. So, if we can do that for District

1 82, it would make it much better for  
2 everybody involved because we don't need  
3 Tallapoosa County in District 82 the way  
4 it's divided up. And it's truly divided up  
5 by racial numbers.

6 MR. WALKER: Okay. Just so you  
7 know, the total population of District 82 is  
8 52,664, of which 47.23% is black and 43.39%  
9 is white.

10 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: Okay. But  
11 given the fact that the way it's drawn that  
12 the division in Tallapoosa County just  
13 doesn't make sense at all. Thank you.

14 MR. WALKER: I understand. Thank  
15 you, Representative Pebblin. Is there  
16 anyone else there in -- yes, sir.

17 MR. MCGOWAN: Commissioner James  
18 McGowan.

19 MR. WALKER: Would you spell your  
20 last name, sir?

21 MR. MCGOWAN: McGowan,  
22 M-c-g-o-w-a-n.

23 MR. WALKER: Court reporter, are  
24 you getting that?

25 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, sir, I

1 did. Thank you.

2 MR. WALKER: Thank you. Okay.

3 Commissioner McGowan, please continue.

4 MR. MCGOWAN: In your statement you  
5 mentioned the preservation of the core of a  
6 district. Well, Bullock and Macon County  
7 has been together, you know, until this last  
8 reapportionment, as long as I can remember.  
9 Bullock County was established in 1866 from  
10 a large portion of Macon County. As a  
11 matter of fact, Union Springs, Alabama was  
12 incorporated in Macon County. We have a  
13 strong core in our relationship with each  
14 other, and I would just like to say what Mr.  
15 Trammell said in representing (inaudible)  
16 and traveling. I would like to see Bullock  
17 and Macon County drawn together if at all  
18 possible.

19 MR. WALKER: Thank you,  
20 Commissioner. Is there anyone else in the  
21 auditorium there at the armory who would  
22 like to speak?

23 MR. JOHNSON: (Inaudible.)

24 MR. WALKER: I think you're going  
25 to have to remove your mask, sir.

1 MR. JOHNSON: M-i-c-h-a-e-l  
2 (inaudible) Johnson (inaudible). (Redacted  
3 address.)

4 MR. WALKER: We don't need your  
5 address. Court reporter, redact his street  
6 address, please. Okay. Go ahead, sir.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Having resided in  
8 Macon County since '93, I am in total  
9 agreement with statements processed prior to  
10 mine as to the inclusion of Macon with  
11 Bullock County versus Tallapoosa County.

12 MR. WALKER: Thank you. Is there  
13 anyone else there in the auditorium at the  
14 armory who wishes to speak? I think maybe  
15 all of you have spoken, which is a first.  
16 Is there anyone online who wishes to speak?

17 MS. OVERTON: Yes. We have a  
18 question from Kendra. "I just want to make  
19 sure that we all have the correct  
20 information so there is no confusion on  
21 comments and maps. At the Dothan public  
22 hearing, you said the maps should be turned  
23 in by September 16th, and then in the  
24 previous hearing today you said that  
25 comments could be submitted after September



1 16th. Just to clarify, how long do  
2 constituents have to submit comments and  
3 maps to be considered and placed in the  
4 public record?"

5 MR. WALKER: Obviously, the sooner  
6 you get them in, the better. If you send  
7 them in, they will be placed in the public  
8 record up until the start of the legislative  
9 session. If you want someone to look at  
10 them though, you need to give them time to  
11 look at them. So, go ahead and send them  
12 in.

13 MS. OVERTON: There are no other  
14 comments in the chat.

15 MR. WALKER: Is there anyone else  
16 either attending virtually or in the  
17 auditorium who wishes to speak? If you're  
18 attending virtually and you wish to speak,  
19 please raise your hand or send a comment by  
20 chat. If you are in the auditorium and you  
21 wish to speak, please raise your hand.

22 MS. OVERTON: We have one more in  
23 the chat. Mr. Shallon Moodey. "It was  
24 stated that the whole county approach for  
25 district map showed too high a deviation.

1 Question, what numerical percentage value is  
2 considered a, quote, high deviation in  
3 population for a district?"

4 MR. WALKER: That was  
5 Congressional. I think the proposed  
6 plan for -- the Congressional plan that is  
7 proposed by the League of Women Voters has a  
8 deviation of about 3.4%, which is unusually  
9 high for a Congressional plan. As you heard  
10 earlier, for the legislative plans and for  
11 the State Board of Education plan, total  
12 deviation of plus or minus 5% is allowed.  
13 All right. It looks there are no more --

14 MS. OVERTON: There is one more.  
15 From Mckenzie: "Who will be overseeing the  
16 mapping to ensure that the racial  
17 gerrymandering issue is addressed and that  
18 all portions of the Voting Rights Act are  
19 followed?"

20 MR. WALKER: I'm not sure what  
21 racial gerrymandering issue you're referring  
22 to. I mean, obviously, we want to make sure  
23 that the new plans are not racially  
24 gerrymandered because if they are they'll be  
25 struck down by a federal court. So, nobody

1 wants that. I'll be working with the  
2 Legislature to make sure that they're not.  
3 For the record, the existing Congressional  
4 plans and legislative plans were reviewed by  
5 federal courts and are not racially  
6 gerrymandered.

7 MS. OVERTON: She clarified and  
8 said she was referring to what  
9 Representative Warren mentioned.

10 MR. WALKER: Oh. I'm not quite  
11 sure how to answer that. I think  
12 Tallapoosa -- it looks to me like Tallapoosa  
13 was added to that district merely for  
14 population purposes, but I think you-all had  
15 been very clear today that you would like  
16 for Barber to be added to Macon County.  
17 And, obviously, I don't know what the final  
18 plan will look like, but the Legislature  
19 certainly is aware of that at this time --  
20 or the Committee is. All right. There are  
21 no further questions, and thank you again  
22 for participating. Thank you for the  
23 National Guard Armory for hosting this.  
24 This hearing is closed.

25 (Hearing concluded.)

CERTIFICATE

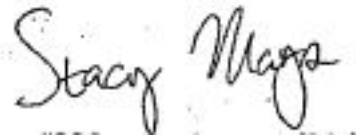
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LAUDERDALE COUNTY

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing proceedings were taken down by me in stenotype, and the questions and answers thereto were reduced to computer print under my supervision, and that the foregoing represents a true and correct transcript of the testimony given by said witness upon said hearing.

I further certify that I am neither of counsel, nor of kin to the parties to the action, nor am I in anywise interested in the result of said cause.

Signed the 1st day of October, 2021

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