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2 LEADER JENNE: Well, we'll go ahead and get
3 started. You know, today we had redistricting.
4 Obviously, we had two different sets of opinions
5 about the maps, which we appreciate.

6 We think we laid out a very significant
7 timeline and just an example of what this process
8 entailed, what it was missing and why we feel that
9 the maps are unconstitutional.

10 I do want to give a moment or two to our
11 ranking members, if that's all right, on the
12 redistricting committees along with our policy
13 chair.

14 We'll start with our policy chair,
15 Representative Fentrice Driskell, who will just make
16 a couple brief comments on everything.

17 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Thank you, Leader
18 Jenne, and thank you for joining us.

19 So, you know, this is the big show that
20 we've been waiting for for 10 years, and there was
21 no doubt that these map -- that this map ultimately
22 would pass, just looking at it in terms of a number
23 games and the majority having the votes. But what I
24 hope that our caucus was able to do was to point out
25 deficiencies, not only in process, but also in

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1 substance, and point out the additional data that
2 would have been useful to have in drawing the maps
3 and really trying to understand whether or not we
4 maximized minority access seats.

5 Trying to understand where all of this
6 growth in Florida happen. Where did those Hispanic
7 voters go? We know new Hispanic residents go?
8 Where did the new black residents go? And just
9 really trying to make sure that we did the best
10 possible job that we could.

11 In order to do the best possible job, you
12 need the data, and we just didn't use data. There
13 were policy decisions made on which data to use,
14 which software to use, and we were not consulted as
15 a part of those policy decisions. So those are just
16 some of the issues that we had with the map today.

17 Now I'll kick it over to Representative Joe
18 Geller, who is our ranking member on the full
19 Redistricting Committee. Rep. Geller.

20 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Rep.
21 Driskell. We had a lot of problems with these maps,
22 and that's why virtually the entire Democratic
23 caucus voted down. The information was just not
24 given to us. Decisions were made that we weren't
25 even brought into, made aware of. Yesterday alone,

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1 36 times, we had questions that were unanswered.

2 They either said the maps were the only
3 thing you could talk about. They didn't want to
4 talk about process, wouldn't even tell us who was in
5 the room when the maps were drawn. We asked about
6 the council, and they wouldn't answer. So these
7 maps are, in my opinion, probably not
8 constitutionally compliant.

9 They totally failed to address the issue of
10 the creole language minority claiming there wasn't
11 enough data, when in the past there has been, and
12 there's more information now than before.

13 The issues of minority representation are
14 significant, but they're not the only issues,
15 whether there's so-called packing or cracking. What
16 they did; how they did it; why this information
17 wasn't made available to us; why they would not
18 answer our questions about the process; why they
19 failed to bring the public more into this process.
20 My God, with Zoom technology, how hard would it have
21 been to allow everybody that wanted to speak to this
22 committee?

23 So because of these repeated failures to
24 include us -- they tried to say, oh, well, we -- you
25 could have done this, but of course, they made

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1 policy decisions, and they wouldn't even tell us who
2 made them or who was in the room.

3 So we voted no because -- and there's also
4 the issue with the Senate. We have no information
5 about it. We're sworn to vote for constitutionally
6 compliant maps, and they haven't demonstrated to us
7 that these are constitutionally compliant. Thank
8 you.

9 LEADER JENNE: Up next, we'll hear from our
10 ranking member on the state Redistricting Committee,
11 Representative Dan Daley.

12 REPRESENTATIVE DALEY: Well, thank you,
13 Leader, and thank you all for coming.

14 And you know, I don't want to be redundant
15 over the Ranking Member Geller, but I want to harp
16 on the two things that we really touched on today
17 and have candidly been touching on for several
18 weeks, and that is the lack of transparency.

19 You know, just because you say that this
20 has been an open and transparent process again and
21 again and again doesn't necessarily make it true.
22 Millions of Floridians were never actually afforded
23 the opportunity to weigh in like they were 10 years
24 ago.

25 If my 93-year-old grandmother can operate

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1 Zoom, I assure you that there are numbers of
2 Floridians across this state that would have weighed
3 in on this process had they been given the
4 opportunity.

5 And secondly is the lack of minority
6 representation. You have two million more black and
7 Hispanic Floridians, and yet not a single new
8 Hispanic access seat or black access seat; that's
9 problematic. I'm not a math major. That's why I
10 went to law school, but something doesn't add up
11 right for me there. And so those are the two
12 biggest things.

13 This process -- and you even saw it while
14 we were on the floor yesterday and today. They said
15 -- folks have said, well, you know, the Democrats
16 weren't asking enough questions.

17 We were asking plenty of questions. Go
18 back to yesterday. What we weren't getting was
19 answers, and you know, basically that impacts this
20 whole process; and it's the people of Florida that
21 get let down because of it.

22 LEADER JENNE: And finally, we will hear
23 from Representative Kelly Skidmore, our ranking
24 member on the Congressional Redistricting
25 Subcommittee.

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1 REPRESENTATIVE SKIDMORE: Thank you,
2 Mr. Leader.

3 So this was round one, and we have no idea
4 what to expect with the Congressional Redistricting
5 Subcommittee because of the Governor's interference.

6 So our Committee has been -- Subcommittee
7 has been canceled twice, and we know that the issue
8 at question is going to be minority access seats
9 again. So we are gearing up for another round that
10 we know we are going to be battling against on the
11 congressional maps going forward. Thank you.

12 LEADER JENNE: Thank you. Any questions?
13 I want to make sure -- these guys have busy
14 schedules. Any questions on redistricting? I want
15 to take those first just so we can make sure that
16 they can get some work done today.

17 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: How do you expect
18 the Supreme Court -- State Supreme Court to react to
19 these maps?

20 LEADER JENNE: Sure. Well, I'm not an
21 attorney, so I'll let one of our attorneys handle
22 that particular question.

23 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: We don't know. I
24 mean, to expect how the Supreme Court is going to
25 treat it -- I understand from my colleague that two

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1 have now recused themselves, so that's unusual. But
2 I expect the Supreme Court will act in a
3 constitutionally compliant manner.

4 I expect they will have respect for
5 precedent, and I expect that they'll do their jobs
6 with greater regard for the U.S. Constitution, the
7 Florida Constitution, and the Voting Rights Act than
8 what we've seen so far.

9 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: But when it comes
10 to the House map, they didn't strike the House map
11 down last time, and this map improved when it came
12 to compactness in city/county splits. So why would
13 they reject this one?

14 LEADER JENNE: Well, I can tell you that
15 the reason it wasn't rejected -- please remember,
16 all three maps were approved by the Supreme Court
17 initially 10 years ago. Then what happened is there
18 were lawsuits filed. Two of those three were tossed
19 out.

20 The reason why the House map wasn't tossed
21 out wasn't because it wasn't gerrymandered. It was.
22 The reason why is the plaintiffs ran out of money.
23 They had spent nearly \$25 million by that point, and
24 they could not go back to that well anymore.

25 I've talked to people that were involved in

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1 those lawsuits, and they apologized to me for not
2 being able to because they simply did not have the
3 cash.

4 And that's just not my word for it. If you
5 go back and you look at the Roberts Court prior to
6 them basically saying, we're not touching
7 redistricting unless it has to do with minority
8 access. When you look at that, they were actually
9 using a formula. When you overlay the State House
10 -- the State House maps that we're currently under,
11 when you overlay that with the formula they were
12 using, they would have found that gerrymandered as
13 well.

14 The problem wasn't with that the maps were
15 valid; the problem was there wasn't enough money to
16 -- to continue on with that case. They had to make
17 a choice, because you have just between the
18 Congressional and the Senate seats, that's only
19 about half of the number of House seats, State House
20 seats. Because of that, in all of the demographic
21 information, all the cartography that has to go into
22 it, they just simply did not have the money to do
23 that.

24 It wasn't an issue that these House maps
25 were terrific or anything along those lines, but the

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1 one thing I will say -- and I want to thank a member
2 of -- my friends across the aisle who pointed it out
3 that, you know, Hispanic growth went up by three
4 percent.

5 When you look at the overall 100 percent of
6 the different populations within the state of
7 Florida, 3 percent of 120 in this body means that
8 there should have been 3.6 new Hispanic access
9 seats. There are none. So I would expect between
10 three and four to take place, but that's not what
11 they chose to do.

12 So I will say that, just add that little
13 bit of history there. The reason why those maps
14 weren't challenged wasn't because they were valid,
15 the reason those maps weren't challenged was there
16 was no money left in the gas tank.

17 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: It's more
18 conservative now.

19 LEADER JENNE: I would -- I would say that,
20 but they've also shown that on certain things that
21 are clear cut, you look at Senator Thompson's
22 lawsuit from a couple years ago, they went against
23 the governor.

24 But ultimately, ultimately, this is going
25 to be an issue because it's minority access that

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1 does not flow through the state courts. It's going
2 to be the federal courts.

3 And you can say, yes, the federal courts
4 are more conservative. Look what happened last week
5 in the state of Alabama. This same thing with not
6 giving enough minority access seats, specifically in
7 Alabama to African-American citizens.

8 When you look at that, when you look at
9 what happened, that three-judge panel tossed the
10 Alabama map, that three-judge panel, 66.6 percent of
11 the people on that panel were appointed by President
12 Trump. So it's kind of up in the air. And in that
13 Alabama case from last week really gives us a lot of
14 hope in terms of the arguments we were making today,
15 because they fall into that same basket.

16 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: We simply have to
17 hope and assume that the courts will do their job in
18 a legal and constitutional way.

19 I understand people can speculate perhaps
20 they won't, maybe they, but there's precedent. We
21 expect that in most cases, they will follow
22 precedent, and we expect them to do their jobs and
23 act in a constitutionally compliant manner.

24 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: Can you tell --

25 LEADER JENNE: Well, hold on Rep. I'm

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1 sorry. I'll be grazed in waiting--

2 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: Just to make sure
3 that -- I might be jumping gun here. Does that mean
4 you guys are going to file suit against this House
5 map?

6 LEADER JENNE: That would be not be for us
7 to do as members. That would be for the -- for
8 people out there to do and different groups to do.
9 Do you want to talk a little bit about that?

10 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: I mean, you can
11 look at who the plaintiffs were the last time
12 around, and I could imagine that you might see some
13 of those same groups want to file litigation. But I
14 don't have any information on that for you. This is
15 just me speculating and just imagining if you look
16 at who --

17 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: I think it's stuff
18 about stuff in their own capacity before. But --

19 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Yeah.

20 LEADER JENNE: Well, the thing is the
21 amount of money that it will take, and I can't pass
22 around a kitty in that office and -- yeah.

23 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: (Indiscernible)
24 where you're going to get the money from, but --

25 LEADER JENNE: And that's why those groups

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1 -- and look, we have not been in contact with those
2 groups intentionally because we wanted to put up
3 that firewall between us and anyone. So we didn't
4 give the appearance of any kind of impropriety and
5 undue influence being done by any outside groups.

6 Alex, I'm sorry.

7 REPORTER ALEX: That's okay. So Michael
8 brought up to the speaker how, you know, there are
9 races coming up this year, and these maps are
10 needed. So what do you guys anticipate the fallout
11 being? Like are there going to be problems with the
12 elections if the maps are thrown out?

13 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Took five years
14 last time.

15 LEADER JENNE: Yeah. I mean, it genuinely
16 did. And look, that -- that was nothing. We
17 haven't done any kind of analysis on that because
18 the state constitution is very clear on that point.

19 Anything done to benefit or hinder an
20 individual or a party is off the table, so we have
21 done no overlays with any maps to see how they would
22 perform in terms of Democrat, Republican. We have
23 completely stayed away from that because we want to
24 stay on the right side of the constitution -- both
25 constitutions.

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1 REPORTER ALEX: Would we have to redo the
2 election? Sorry for my ignorance, but --

3 LEADER JENNE: No. They wouldn't. Just
4 assuming that there is a lawsuit and it moves
5 forward, these will be the maps, assuming that the
6 Governor signs the bill, which I assume he will.
7 These will be the maps that people will have to run
8 in 2022.

9 What we saw 10 years ago were those maps,
10 the maps that were tossed out, they were tossed out.
11 New ones were put in and those moving forward from
12 that point. Because remember, we didn't have a
13 complete set of three maps until 2016 last time. It
14 took a while to get there.

15 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: If you're a de jure
16 officeholder, if you're sworn in, run sworn in
17 during regular processes, everything you've done
18 during your time in office is valid, but the courts
19 can also -- at any time, can order new maps. And in
20 some circumstances they can say this will be for the
21 next regular election. In some circumstances they
22 could say, no, there must be a special election.
23 But whoever is sworn into office through the regular
24 procedure, their acts are valid until someone is
25 elected to succeed them.

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1 REPORTER ALEX: Thank you for clarifying
2 that.

3 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: I had a question on
4 the congressional maps because there is sort of, you
5 know, a legal discussion to be had about the -- the
6 packing of minorities in these minority access
7 seats.

8 And I just want to understand, as
9 Democrats, you know, especially now that the
10 Governor has proposed some maps that, you know, in
11 south Florida that dilute the Latino vote and North
12 Florida. What is your position really when it comes
13 to packing minorities in congressional districts as
14 opposed to -- now there is -- there are some
15 arguments about, you know, is it better to have
16 minorities being represented in other districts as
17 opposed to packing them all into a minority access
18 seat?

19 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: We oppose packing.

20 REPRESENTATIVE SKIDMORE: Yeah. It's a
21 tier one violation, and, yeah, we believe that to be
22 unconstitutional.

23 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: So my question is
24 more about, you know, the congressional maps that
25 the Governor has proposed. In South Florida, for

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1 example, there is a diluting of Latino
2 representation, and I just wonder, you know, from
3 your perspective as Democrats, I mean, what -- what
4 is your argument right now for, you know, opposing
5 that?

6 REPRESENTATIVE SKIDMORE: I think our
7 perspective in argument is that the Governor doesn't
8 draw the maps. In an unprecedented move, the
9 Governor has created a blatantly unconstitutional
10 congressional map and has taken it to the court to
11 try and get them to validate it. That is just a
12 blatant abuse of his power.

13 He is authorized to approve the map or veto
14 the map. He has no authorization to draw the map.
15 That is the legislature's job. He has overstepped
16 his bounds.

17 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: And we won't
18 tolerate that result. I mean, that result would end
19 up, whether whoever brings it, that would go to the
20 courts because you cannot have regression. You
21 cannot reduce the minority representation that's
22 supposed to be there artificially by coming up with
23 some scheme that's designed to interfere with
24 minorities or language minorities being able to
25 elect representatives of their own choice.

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1 LEADER JENNE: All right. Thank you. Oh,
2 sorry, Lauren. We go with Lauren. Then we're going
3 to get out of here.

4 REPORTER LAUREN: Yeah. We've been writing
5 about Jefferson County and the issues with the
6 schools there.

7 LEADER JENNE: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 REPORTER LAUREN: What do you make of the
9 situation how the Department of Education has
10 handled the transition there, and of course, there
11 are allegations of bid rigging involved and whatnot?

12 LEADER JENNE: It has not gone well. I
13 think that's something that we know for sure. You
14 know, knowing all the ins and outs and being
15 completely fluid in it -- I'm not going to lie to
16 you, I don't know all the details of everything --
17 but you look at what's happened since the state has
18 gone in there, and it's been one trip, slip, fall
19 after the other.

20 They really need to help because those
21 folks need that, and it's not right what's going on
22 there. I wish I had more detail and could speak
23 more fluently to you. I'm being completely honest.
24 It's just been the last -- my last seven to eight
25 days has been nothing but redistricting and staring

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1 at maps and numbers in giant spreadsheets. But I
2 can tell you that the folks in Jefferson County
3 deserve a lot better, and we need to give them a lot
4 better because what's happening there with the
5 schools right now is completely -- no community
6 should have to live through that.

7 REPORTER LAUREN: Okay. Thanks.

8 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: We do have a couple
9 of redistricting questions from reporters online.

10 LEADER JENNE: Okay.

11 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: So --

12 LEADER JENNE: It's 2022 folks.

13 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: Yeah. The
14 discussion of Haitian American communities has been
15 especially vocal in discussion of the House map as
16 opposed to the Senate or Congressional. Can I get
17 an explanation why or a hint at whether the House
18 expects that to be part of the congressional
19 discussion?

20 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Sure. I'll --
21 I'll take that one.

22 LEADER JENNE: Please do.

23 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: So, I mean, you
24 know, we don't yet have a congressional map. You
25 know, we had workshop map, a workshop map.

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1 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Uh-huh

2 (affirmative).

3 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: And if you follow
4 the process of what happened with the state map, we
5 were told, you know, you don't get access to this
6 information, and you don't get these answers until
7 you have a map. You can expect -- oh, and then with
8 respect to the Senate map, remember that we tried to
9 ask substantive questions on that map. We were
10 promptly shut down and told that if we had any
11 issues with that, we should have taken it up with
12 our colleagues in the Senate.

13 So we were not given that opportunity to do
14 that as members of the House Democratic Caucus.

15 You can absolutely expect that once we do
16 have that congressional map, that we will look at
17 it. We will analyze it. We will determine it or
18 analyze it for constitutionality. And if it's not
19 constitutional, if it does not protect language
20 minorities, including a Haitian Creole minority, we
21 will do our best to put it on the record and explain
22 why.

23 UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: And one more from
24 Andrea Bentazi (phonetic). Does the House support
25 the as passed Senate congressional map?

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1 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Does the House
2 support the as passed congressional map?

3 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: I think that we
4 have to --

5 REPRESENTATIVE SKIDMORE: That has not been
6 presented to the House.

7 (Cross talk)

8 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: We need -- that has
9 not come before us.

10 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: No. It has not
11 been presented. Right.

12 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: We will study that.
13 It's a different situation than this so-called -- I
14 like that they call it a gentleman's agreement, that
15 the Senate does the Senate and the House does the
16 House. But we have to work together on the
17 congressional map. We'll see what they bring us,
18 obviously, in this circumstance. We'll compare that
19 to what the Senate has proposed, and we'll try to do
20 the best we can once that data is before us.

21 LEADER JENNE: Yeah. And I think it really
22 -- it's kind of the same way I feel about the new
23 Spider-Man movie. I want to see it, want to go
24 through it, but I just haven't seen it yet; and I
25 need to take the time to actually do it. So we'll

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1 see how that goes. Thank you guys. I appreciate
2 you.

3 THE AUDIENCE: Thank you all.

4 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Thank you.

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