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1 TRANSCRIPT LEGEND

2 . . . (ellipsis) Halting speech or an unfinished
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 THE SPEAKER: House will come to order.

3 Members will please take their seats. Members and
4 visitors -- visitors in the gallery, please rise
5 for the prayer. We are pleased to have with us
6 today Dr. Robert Mills from San Mateo Presbyterian
7 Church in Palatka at the invitation of
8 Representative Payne.

9 Dr. Mills, you can approach the well.

10 MR. MILLS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank
11 you, Representative Payne. Let's pray together.
12 Oh, God, the Scriptures tell us, Blessed are those
13 whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on
14 you. Speak to the innermost chambers of our
15 hearts, oh God, and into the hearts of this
16 chamber.

17 Bless the pilgrimage to these men and women as
18 they labored to preserve democracy, uphold liberty
19 and serve the people of Florida faithfully. Grant
20 them the insight of your wisdom in the shield of
21 your truth and righteousness, strengthen their
22 resolve to serve responsibly, strengthen their
23 will, that they may serve you faithfully and
24 strengthen their hearts that they will show
25 forbearance to one another.

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1 Teach your ways, Oh God, and lead in a plain
2 path. Shine your light upon the road to these
3 members of this House must travel. Give them grace
4 and truth to guide their every decision, unite them
5 under the banner of your love. And allow them to
6 speak with one Clarion voice, that wish you would
7 have them say.

8 Lord help us all, to continually uphold the
9 light of your love. And may we always be mindful
10 of our collective duty to serve each other as we
11 serve you. And finally, Oh, God, remind these
12 servants of Yours, that strength is found only in
13 you. And may we all go from strength to strength
14 as your people as a state and as a country. And we
15 offer this prayer to you and your strong and Holy
16 name. Amen.

17 MR. SPEAKER: Amen. The clerk will unlock the
18 machine and members will record their presence.
19 Have all members recorded their presence? The
20 clerk will lock the machine, announce presence of a
21 quorum.

22 THE CLERK: 114 members voting. A quorum is
23 present, Mr. Speaker.

24 MR. SPEAKER: Members and visitors, if you
25 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the

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1 flag. The pledge today will be led by Avery Carson
2 from Tarpon Springs at the invitation of
3 Representative Latvala. Olivia Buoy Chu from
4 Orlando at the invitation of Representative
5 Eskimani, Jackson Daugteridge [phonetic] from
6 Tarpon Springs at my invitation. Cooligan Dudley
7 from Tallahassee at the invitation of
8 Representative Shoaf. Amani Gonzalez from
9 Jacksonville Beach at the invitation of
10 Representative Fetterhoff. Parker Humanas from
11 Tallahassee at my invitation. Kendall Profit from
12 Jacksonville Beach at the invitation of
13 Representative Fetterhoff.

14 (NOTE: Pledge of Allegiance.)

15 MR. SPEAKER: Members, we are pleased to have
16 with us as Doctor of the Day, Dr. Bren Cell from
17 Tallahassee at the invitation of Representative
18 Tant. Welcome to the Florida House.

19 Members, staying focused on Representative
20 Tant Desk, we are also honored today to be joined
21 by our law enforcement officer of the day,
22 Detective Hannah Perry at the invitation of
23 Representative Tant.

24 Detective Perry joined the Leon County
25 Sheriff's Office in 2019, and last year was

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1 selected as the property crimes unit detective,
2 making her one of the quickest deputies to make
3 Criminal Investigative branch in Leon County
4 history. Detective Perry currently serves as the
5 animal investigation liaison for the sheriff's
6 office here in Leon County. And last year was
7 instrumental in one of the biggest animal cruelty
8 investigations that North Florida has ever seen,
9 resulting in approximately 300 animals being
10 rescued from a single property and being rehomed
11 throughout the state.

12 Detective Perry, thank you for being with us
13 here today. Thank you for your service to the
14 people of Leon County, and for all of your great
15 work. It is our pleasure to welcome you here to
16 the Florida House.

17 I'm also pretty confident that Representative
18 Killebrew is willing to adopt some of those
19 animals. So if you just see him during our --
20 during our day today.

21 Members, we are also pleased today to be
22 joined by our newest member, Representative Darrell
23 Campbell, who is officially -- Representative
24 Campbell was officially sworn in yesterday, and he
25 will be sworn in ceremonially today.

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1 Representative Perez, you're recognized for a
2 motion.

3 MR. PEREZ: Mr. Speaker, having received the
4 certification from the Secretary of State, I move
5 that a certification be accepted as prima facie
6 evidence of election and that Darryl Campbell be
7 seated as a member of the House.

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Perez moves that
9 the certification be accepted as prima facia
10 evidence of election, and that Darrell Campbell be
11 seated as a member of the House, having already
12 officially taken the oath of office. All in favor,
13 say Aye.

14 All opposed, no. The motion is approved. I
15 will now ask Representative Campbell to come to the
16 front of the House where Clerk Takus will
17 administer the oath of office.

18 (NOTE: Oath of office.)

19 MR. SPEAKER: Members, I understand that
20 Representative Campbell's family is with us in the
21 gallery. Please welcome his mother Patricia, his
22 brother David, and his two sisters Chanel and
23 Fiona, as well as other family and friends who've
24 traveled to Tallahassee today for this special
25 occasion. Welcome to the Florida House.

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1 Representative Perez, for what purpose do you
2 rise?

3 MR. PEREZ: To make a motion, Mr. Speaker.

4 MR. SPEAKER: You're recognized.

5 MR. PEREZ: Mr. Speaker, whereas the house has
6 examined the qualifications elections and returns
7 pursuant to Article Three Section Two of the
8 Constitution of the State of Florida, I move that
9 the House find and declare that Representative
10 Campbell has been duly elected, and is a qualified
11 member of the House of Representatives.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Perez moves the
13 House find and declare that Darryl Campbell has
14 been duly elected and is a qualified member of the
15 House of Representatives. All in favor say Aye.
16 All oppose no. The motion is agreed to.

17 Representative, congratulations and welcome
18 again to the Florida House.

19 They only clap this much for you when you come
20 in when you leave. It's true. Are there
21 corrections to the journal. Show the journal
22 proved. Are the reports of standing committees and
23 subcommittees?

24 THE CLERK: On the desk, Mr. Speaker.

25 MR. SPEAKER: Read the report.

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1 THE CLERK: The Honorable Chris Frose, Speaker
2 of House of Representatives. Dear Mr. Speaker,
3 (indiscernible) committee here with submits the
4 special order for Tuesday, February 1st, 2022, in
5 consideration of the House bills on special orders,
6 shall include this as a companion measures on the
7 House calendar. Reading of the report. Mr.
8 Speaker.

9 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Brown, you're
10 recognized in the report.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Mr. Speaker, the report
12 sets the special order calendar and allocation of
13 times for questions and debate contained in the
14 letter, and I move the adoption of the special
15 order report for today, February 1st, 2022.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Are there questions? Is there
17 debate? All in favor of the adoption of the
18 special report say Aye. All oppose no. Show the
19 special order report is adopted. Are there other
20 reports?

21 THE CLERK: On the desk, Mr. Speaker.

22 MR. SPEAKER: Read the report.

23 THE CLERK: The Honorable Chris Rouse, Speaker
24 House of Representatives. Dear Mr. Speaker, the
25 following report is submitted pursuant to rule

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1 7.11(b) and 12.2(c) for the purpose of establishing
2 the procedures for filing committee and for
3 amendments to the general appropriations bill and
4 any related implementing and conforming
5 legislation. Reading of the report, Mr. Speaker.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Brenner, you
7 recognized on the report regarding the special
8 amendment deadlines and procedures for the general
9 Appropriations Act related bills.

10 REPRESENTATIVE BRENNER: Mr. Speaker, all
11 members should have the report on their desks. The
12 report establishes the special amendment deadlines
13 and procedures for the general Appropriations Act
14 and related bills, which operate the same way they
15 did last year. Members, reminder the request for
16 amendments to the GAA whether in committee or on
17 the floor will be accepted only from the House
18 member who wishes to file it or from an employee of
19 the House.

20 The Amendment requests must be delivered by
21 the member or a House employee along with written
22 authorization of the sponsoring member on their
23 letterhead. E-mail requests are not accepted.

24 Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the
25 special amendment deadlines and procedures for the

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1 General Appropriations Act and related bills.

2 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Brenner moves the
3 adoption of special amendment deadlines and
4 procedures for the General Appropriations Act and
5 related bills. Are there questions? Is there
6 debate? All in favor say Aye. All opposed no.

7 Show the amendment deadlines and procedures
8 for the General Appropriations Act and related
9 bills are adopted. Are there other reports of
10 standing committees or subcommittees?

11 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Are there motions relating to
13 committee and subcommittee references? Are there
14 matters on reconsideration? Are there bills or
15 joint resolutions on third reading?

16 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

17 MR. SPEAKER: Are there bills on the special
18 order calendar?

19 THE CLERK: On the desk, Mr. Speaker.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Read the first bill.

21 THE CLERK: House bill 530 -- Sorry -- by
22 Representative Trumbull, House Bill 539, a bill to
23 be entitled An Act Relating to Nursing Home
24 Financial Reporting.

25 MR. SPEAKER: Members, prior to recognizing

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1 Chairman Trumbull, I did want to recognize a couple
2 of former members who are with us today, presumably
3 for the swearing in of our newest member,
4 Representative Campbell. We'd like to welcome back
5 to the Florida House, former Minority Leader Bobby
6 Dubose. We also like to welcome back Bobby Powell
7 and Chris Smith. Welcome back to the Florida
8 House.

9 Representative Valdez, you're recognized for
10 recognition.

11 REPRESENTATIVE VALDEZ: Thank you, Mr.
12 Speaker. Today, in the East Gallery, we are joined
13 by Florida Youth Shine, a youth advocacy group that
14 has been coming to the Capitol to amplify their
15 voice for over 17 years. They are youth led, peer
16 driven ages 13 through 24 with 14 chapters and 350
17 members. And they are experts who have lived
18 experience in the child welfare system.

19 Through Florida Youth Shine, they gain
20 advocacy and leadership skills while being
21 empowered to use their voices to make improvements
22 in the child welfare system. This Children's Week,
23 they have five groups of youth with their mentors
24 from around the state to meet with legislators.
25 And we have a group of them here today.

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1 And we'll start off with Rebecca Bear, Selena
2 Young, Eric Perry, Tila Moore, Kyle Johnson, Leila
3 Pierre, Alexia Nechayev, Josh Oghazali, Jessica
4 Overstreet, Jackie Turner and Tyler Wren. And
5 their mentors are Margie Dotson, Rebecca Morgan,
6 Kaya Lee, Rocky Hale, Mike Youkilis and Amber
7 Barrett. Good to see you kids. Proud of you.

8 MR. SPEAKER: Welcome to the Florida House.

9 REPRESENTATIVE VALEZ: Welcome to your Florida
10 House.

11 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Disgley, you're
12 recognized for recognition.

13 REPRESENTATIVE DISIGLEY: Thank you, Mr.
14 Speaker. Members, in the East Gallery, I want to
15 introduce Amplify Clearwater and its members. It's
16 a Regional Chamber of Commerce in Pinellas County.
17 I want to point out the CEO Amanda Payne, along
18 with Clearwater Council Member David Allbritton.
19 Welcome to the Florida House of Representatives.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Welcome to the Florida House.
21 Representative Escamani, you're recognized for
22 recognition.

23 REPRESENTATIVE ESCAMANI: Thank you so much,
24 Mr. Speaker. Members, please join me in welcoming
25 YMCA, Youth and Government students who are in all

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1 the surrounding galleries. We are so proud to
2 welcome young people from 15 counties, including
3 our very own elected presiding officers, James
4 Williams, who's part of the (indiscernible) family.
5 So, welcome to our youth and government leaders.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Welcome to YMCA Youth and
7 Government. Welcome to the Florida House.
8 Members, join me in welcoming back to the Florida
9 House Representative Jimmy T. Smith. Welcome back,
10 Representative.

11 Representative Trumbull, you're recognized to
12 explain the bill.

13 RT: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This
14 bill requires nursing homes and their respective
15 home offices to submit audited financial
16 information to AKA in a uniformed reporting system.

17 Members, this will line up nursing homes for
18 exactly the same requirements that hospitals -- how
19 hospitals submit audited financial statements.
20 Sorry. That's the bill.

21 MR. SPEAKER: Are there questions to the
22 sponsor, questions to the sponsor? Seeing none,
23 are there amendments?

24 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

25 MR. SPEAKER: Show the bill rolled over to

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1 third reading. Read the next bill.

2 THE CLERK: By State Affairs Committee and
3 Representative Persas Molucca, CS Hospital 1079, a
4 bill to be entitled, An Act Relating to Fiscal
5 Accountability for Non-governmental Entities.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Molucca, you're
7 recognized to explain the bill.

8 PM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, in
9 order to assure the public that their tax dollars
10 are being spent appropriately, this bill brings
11 much needed transparency and accountability to
12 nonprofit corporations who budgets are 50 percent
13 or more funded by public dollars.

14 This bill prohibits these non-governmental
15 entities from loaning funds to another entity, from
16 donating the funds as charitable or political
17 contributions, from using the funds for bonuses,
18 incentive payments, or severance payments and from
19 using the funds to retain a lobbyist.

20 Next, that bill requires a non-governmental
21 entity receiving 500,000 or more in state funds for
22 five consecutive years to conduct an operational
23 audit. The bill also requires non-governmental
24 entities to submit an annual report to the state
25 agency from which it receives state funds. The

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1 annual report will include compensation information
2 about the entity's executive officers, as well as a
3 detailed summary of the entity's administrative
4 expenses.

5 State agencies may not release funds to the
6 entity unless it has complied with these reporting
7 requirements. Lastly, members, the bill requires
8 each state agency to annually report this
9 information to the Chief Inspector General and the
10 Office of Program Policy Analysis and
11 Accountability. That is the bill, Mr. Speaker.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Members, are there questions?
13 Are there questions? Seeing no questions, other
14 amendments.

15 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Show the bill rolled over to
17 third reading. Read the next bill.

18 THE CLERK: By reapportionment and Senator
19 Rodriguez, see Senate Joint Resolution 100 a joint
20 resolution of apportionment.

21 MR. SPEAKER: All right. Members, allow me to
22 have your attention for a moment. I want to talk a
23 little bit about the redistricting bill that we're
24 about to take up, which is CS4SJR100, the vehicle
25 that will be in for the State House and the State

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1 Senate maps.

2 In a moment, Chairman Leek will be recognized
3 to explain the Senate Joint Resolution,
4 specifically the Senate map that was already passed
5 by the Florida Senate. You will then be able to
6 ask questions about the Senate map with the
7 understanding, members, that the Senate map was
8 created by the Florida Senate at their direction,
9 just as the House maps were created by the Florida
10 House at our direction.

11 As we do with other bills, we will then take
12 up the amendments. Chair Leek will be recognized
13 to explain his amendment, which will be the House
14 map. After the explanation of the amendment, you
15 will be able to ask questions specifically on the
16 House map.

17 To be sure that you get all your questions
18 answered, there is a staffer that is set up in the
19 bubble that can ask any technical questions that
20 you might have as we go through this process and
21 things come up. If you have a question of law
22 about the maps, a question of substance you ask
23 that question appropriately on the House floor.

24 The bill as amended will be voted on tomorrow.
25 So the allotted time for debate will occur tomorrow

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1 on the bill as amended. Both explanations will
2 include PowerPoint presentations and materials that
3 have been e-mailed to you today in the daily order
4 of business from the Rules Committee. Let's get
5 started.

6 Chairman Leek, you're recognized to explain
7 the bill.

8 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're
9 going to take up the Senate plan. The first map
10 we're considering today is the state Senate map,
11 which is the main substance of this SJR. The map
12 on the screen before you is a state senate map,
13 S027S8058. It has been a long standing tradition
14 between the chambers that the house is responsible
15 for crafting the house map and the Senate is
16 responsible for crafting the Senate map.

17 Today we will be amending the SJR, which
18 contains the proposed Senate map by adding the
19 substance of CSHJR7501, which contains a proposed
20 state house map, leaving us with a complete joint
21 resolution containing the new proposed state
22 legislative districts as prescribed by the Florida
23 constitution.

24 This proposed state senate map passed out of
25 the Senate with bipartisan support. And I

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1 encourage your support today as well. Mr. Speaker,
2 that is the SJR.

3 MR. SPEAKER: Are there questions? Are there
4 questions? Seeing none. Got to be a little
5 quicker. Representative Driscoll, you're
6 recognized.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
8 Speaker. Just some questions about the Senate map.
9 We saw that District 36 and 37 both have Riact
10 scores of .28 and .29 respectively. Was the reason
11 why they have those Riact scores to achieve Tier
12 One compliance?

13 THE SPEAKER: Chairman Leek, you're
14 recognized.

15 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Representative.
16 Again, this is the map prepared by the Senate.
17 Those questions were more appropriately directed to
18 the Senate, by your colleagues in a Senate --
19 through the Senate process. I can't answer the
20 type of questions on the detail of the Senate map.

21 I can give you the statistical data, which is
22 in the packet that you have.

23 MR. SPEAKER: Representative DRISCOLL.

24 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Mr. Chair, I guess,
25 maybe point of ordered, is it appropriate for us to

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1 ask questions about details of the Senate map? I'd
2 hate to go through a bunch of questions without
3 Chair Leek being able to answer them.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Hey, members, we got some big
5 business in front of us today that we do once a
6 decade. There's going be a lot of moving parts to
7 this today. When we start explaining the house
8 map, we're going to have a Round Robin, where it's
9 going to be bouncing back and forth between
10 different members who are explaining the maps.

11 I understand there's a lot going on. I know
12 members want to have their bills heard and are
13 using this time as an opportunity to talk to people
14 on the floor. I just ask that if you're going to
15 do that, you can take your conversation to the
16 bubble. You can take your conversation to the
17 back. But while we're on the House floor, I ask
18 that you give either the individuals who are asking
19 the questions or the people who are presenting the
20 maps today, your full attention.

21 Representative Driscoll, as I mentioned in the
22 roadmap today, as you know, the Senate map has --
23 the Senate has taken full responsibility of
24 crafting the Senate map. Obviously, a lot of those
25 technicalities as far as the intent on why maps are

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1 drawn and things like that, Chairman Leek couldn't
2 possibly answer that question because he wasn't
3 part of that process, nor was any member of the
4 committee. While there's some technical questions
5 and demographic data that will be appropriate
6 questions for the House floor today. It is also
7 inside the packet and the presentation that you
8 have.

9 So you could ask that. You could look it up.
10 I do think that certainly from the more technical
11 aspects and the intent on why things are drawn, it
12 is appropriate to ask those are questions about the
13 house map.

14 Representative Driscoll, do you have a follow
15 up question? Okay. Representative Geller, you're
16 recognized.

17 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Mr.
18 Speaker. I do have a couple of questions. I'm
19 sensitive to what you've just said, Mr. Speaker.
20 So I hope the questions are appropriate. I trust
21 that you will tell me if you deem that they are
22 not.

23 But first, was there ever -- was there ever a
24 vote of any kind by this house, that we would
25 accept whatever Senate map the Senate sent us over?

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller, I think
2 you know the answer to that question. It's not
3 really appropriate to the maps. Any additional
4 questions? You're recognized.

5 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Mr.
6 Speaker. What assurance do we have that the Senate
7 map has constitutional?

8 MR. SPEAKER: Chairman Leek, you're
9 recognized.

10 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I
11 were you, I would take a lot of solace in the fact
12 that many of your own colleagues from your own
13 party voted for it.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Jenny, you're
15 recognized -- Leader Jenny.

16 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
17 And this is just, I guess, a technical question,
18 not on the maps. But where was the idea conceived
19 to merge these two bills together, because as I
20 remember it a decade ago, they stood alone -- they
21 stood on their own. I remember that because I ran
22 an amendment on the Senate map and it was a
23 standalone bill.

24 So I guess the question is why were these put
25 together and who made that decision?

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1 THE SPEAKER: Chairman Leek you're recognized.

2 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Well, let me see what I can do
3 with that. It has been the long standing tradition
4 of the two houses that they do that except under
5 extraordinary conditions. I wasn't here back -- I
6 know that you were, Leader Jenny, but I wasn't here
7 back then. So I can't tell you why they made the
8 extraordinary decision to split them apart at that
9 point. But I can tell you what we're doing today
10 is the usual and customary thing that we do.

11 MR. SPEAKER: Additional questions --
12 additional questions on the Senate map? All right.
13 Seeing none. Are there amendments?

14 THE CLERK: On the desk, Mr. Speaker.

15 MR. SPEAKER: Read the first amendment.

16 THE CLERK: Representative Leek offered the
17 following amendment with Title amendment barcode
18 503145 between line 67 and 68, insert and
19 amendment.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Chairman Leek, you're recognized
21 to explain the amendment and then recognized the
22 individual members that you'd like to begin with to
23 start the conversation about the map. You're
24 recognized.

25 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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1 Members, the Florida Legislature has a
2 constitutional responsibility once every 10 years
3 following the decennial census to redistrict our
4 state. A decade ago, the Florida House maps were
5 deemed valid constitutional by the Florida Supreme
6 Court. And I'd like to read a quote from the 2012
7 ruling.

8 Quote, "A review of the House plan in the
9 record reveals that the House engaged in a
10 consistent and reasoned approach, balancing the
11 Tier Two Standards by endeavoring to make districts
12 compact, and as nearly equal in population as
13 possible. And utilizing political and geographical
14 boundaries were feasible by endeavoring to keep
15 counties and cities together where possible.

16 In addition, the house approached the minority
17 voting protection provision by properly undertaking
18 a functional analysis of voting strength in
19 minority districts," end quote.

20 The redistricting committee and its
21 subcommittees have undertaken several months of
22 education in order to understand the redistricting
23 process and uphold the high bar that was set for
24 this chamber last decade. Last week, the full
25 redistricting committee passed CSHJR7501. The

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1 proposal State House districts that will be used in
2 election cycle starting in 2022. This map has been
3 drafted with the advice of legal counsel based on
4 data from the 2020 census and elections data from
5 the Florida Department of State to be in alignment
6 with the Florida constitution, state and federal
7 law, as well as Court precedent.

8 This map can also be found on
9 Floridaredistricting.gov, under the plan name,
10 H00H8013. Members, I want to make sure each of you
11 has a map packet in front of you. This contains a
12 printout of the proposed map itself, functional
13 analysis data, the statewide statistics.

14 Additionally, the bill tax for the SGR and
15 amendment is over 430 pages. We provided a copy
16 for the entire chamber and it can be found here in
17 front of the chamber. For today -- for today, our
18 goal is to answer all member questions. For those
19 who have detailed technical questions, we have one
20 of our redistricting analysts set up in the bubble
21 with our map drawing application to assist in
22 answering those specific questions.

23 Before we dive in each region of the state,
24 let's look at the map as a whole. When compared to
25 the benchmark State House map, the new proposed

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1 state House districts have several points of
2 improvement throughout our Tier Two Standards.
3 When looking at a statewide average of each
4 districts compactness scores, we have been able to
5 improve all three mathematical measurements of
6 compactness.

7 The reax score improved from .43 to .45. The
8 convex hull score improved from .80 to .82. And a
9 palsy popper score improved from .43 to .45. Where
10 feasible, we also worked to improve visual
11 compactness of districts, or the eyeball test, such
12 as no longer having a district that stretches from
13 Miami Dade County to Calioir County, or a district
14 that splits for counties in the Tampa Bay region.

15 When looking at the number of counties splits
16 we've kept similar to the benchmark map with 30
17 counties split last decade and only 31 counties
18 split this decade. The ideal population for this
19 decade Statehouse district is 179,485 people. Our
20 overall deviation ranges from 4.75 percent, which
21 is well within the acceptable legal level of
22 population deviation.

23 Although this deviation increases slightly
24 from last decades range of 3.97 percent, we are
25 proudly able to vastly improve the number of cities

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1 split and our proposed map. The benchmark map --
2 in the benchmark map there were 101 cities split,
3 which is almost 25 percent of Florida's
4 incorporated cities. And in a proposed map before
5 you today we've been able to decrease that number
6 to just 53 cities split, a near 50 percent
7 improvement.

8 Our proposed state House districts are also
9 drawn in compliance with Tier One of the Florida
10 Constitution. The proposed map is inclusive of 18
11 protected black districts, seven of which are a
12 majority minority districts, and 12 protected
13 Hispanic districts, all of which are majority
14 minority districts.

15 This is the same number of protected districts
16 as are found in the benchmark map. In each
17 district, the minority group's voting age
18 population are similar when compared to benchmark
19 districts with slight increases or decreases as
20 permitted by the Florida Supreme Court precedent,
21 which states slight changes in a minority groups
22 voting age population are acceptable so long as a
23 functional analysis is conducted to ensure the
24 voting strength of the minority group in both
25 general and primary elections is at the comparable

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1 level that existed in the benchmark district.

2 These districts are also drawn in a consistent
3 manner with respect to the Florida Supreme Court
4 precedent and to maintain existing majority
5 minority districts. All 30 of these protected
6 minority districts have had an individual
7 functional analysis conducted on them to ensure the
8 new district configurations do not deny or bridge
9 the equal opportunity of racial or language
10 minorities to participate in the political process
11 or to diminish their ability to elect
12 representatives of their choice.

13 As we move throughout the map, these districts
14 will be highlighted as well. All of our districts
15 consist of contiguous territory, and as I'm sure
16 you're aware of the committee has also implemented
17 safeguards in order to ensure that we do not draw
18 districts with the intent to favor or disfavor a
19 political party or an incumbent.

20 Now that we've looked at the statewide
21 overview, let's begin to review each region of the
22 state. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you recognize
23 Chairman Cord Byrd.

24 MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Chairman Leek.

25 Before I recognize Representative Byrd, just to

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1 clarify, members, because there was a question,
2 we're going to do the Round Robin explanations
3 through a number of members. After that has
4 concluded, the clock will begin again and we will
5 open up for questions at the request of the
6 minority party will direct those questions through
7 representative Alexandria for efficiency and time.
8 Representative Byrd, you're recognized.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BYRD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
10 And, members, we begin our journey across the state
11 starting in Northwest Florida with districts One
12 through Four. Four districts are able to become
13 whole within three counties Escambia, Santa Rosa,
14 and Okaloosa. All municipalities are kept whole in
15 these counties including Pensacola, which serves as
16 a boundary line for a portion of Districts One and
17 Two. District Four is able to be kept whole within
18 Okaloosa County using the county line on three
19 sides and then has a bump on the top of the
20 district similar to the current district in order
21 to keep the city of Crestview whole within the
22 district, and then uses I-10 for the remainder of
23 its northern border.

24 As we follow these Tier Two compliant borders
25 for this district, it becomes 4,252 people over the

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1 ideal population of a district at 183,737 total
2 population, a 2.37 percent over the ideal
3 population.

4 As a result, this becomes the district with
5 the highest overall population deviation in the
6 map. Moving along the Panhandle to Districts Seven
7 through -- let's see, I think I missed -- Okay. I
8 missed one. Districts Five and Six are made up of
9 entirely whole counties. District Five is
10 comprised of Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson
11 and Calhoun County. District Six is solely within
12 Bay County.

13 In order to keep a district only as Bay County
14 without having to break another county line, this
15 district becomes a district with the lowest
16 population deviation in the map at minus 4,269
17 people under the ideal population at 175,216 total
18 population, which is 2.38 percent under the ideal
19 population.

20 Districts Four and Six create a total
21 deviation range of 4.75 percent, well within the
22 acceptable 10 percent deviation range courts have
23 given legislative redistricting plans. This range
24 allows Bay County to remain whole and the city of
25 Crestview to remain whole.

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1 As the House did last decade and acknowledged
2 by the Supreme Court, setting the deviation range
3 by balancing the equal population standard with the
4 other standards such as compactness, and following
5 existing political and geographical boundaries is
6 appropriate.

7 We'll now move along the Panhandle to House
8 Districts Seven and Nine. District Seven and Nine
9 there are three districts wholly within 13
10 counties. District Eight includes all of Gadsden
11 County, which is the only majority black county in
12 the state and parts of Leon County. District Eight
13 is a performing majority minority black district
14 protected by Tier One of the Florida constitution.
15 And as mentioned earlier, the functional analysis
16 that was conducted by staff ensures the minority
17 groups ability to elect is not diminished.

18 Due to the boundaries of District Eight,
19 Tallahassee is split in a similar way to the
20 benchmark map by being split into two districts.
21 To achieve this, unfortunately, it means splitting
22 Jefferson County. This is due in large part
23 because Jefferson County's boundaries go from the
24 state line to the Gulf of Mexico, cutting off the
25 rest of the Panhandle from the Big Bend. In

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1 addition, nearly 90 percent of Jefferson County's
2 population is in the section within District Nine
3 in the split through the county entirely along US
4 Highway 27.

5 This decision to split Jefferson County is
6 consistent with the methodology and application of
7 the constitutional standards. As you'll see
8 throughout the map as other cities in similar
9 situations with a protected Tier One district are
10 also split only twice. District Seven is made up
11 of none Whole counties in this county combination,
12 as well as a small part of Leon County that is not
13 in District Eight or Nine.

14 District Nine contains all of Madison County
15 in addition to the part of Jefferson County
16 previously mentioned, as well as approximately
17 150,000 people in Leon County.

18 We'll next move over to Northeast Florida,
19 House Districts 12 and through 17, where there are
20 six districts wholly within the two counties of
21 Nassau and Duval. District 13 and 14 are
22 performing black districts located entirely within
23 Duval County, recreated similarly to the benchmark
24 districts. However, both districts were able to be
25 drawn in a more compact manner.

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1 As noted before the functional analysis on
2 each district that was conducted by staff ensures
3 the minority groups ability to elect is not
4 diminished. All the districts in this county
5 combination have improved in terms of visual
6 compactness and use -- and use of major roadways
7 and waterways. The I-295 Loop, St. John's River
8 and Beach Boulevard are some examples of the
9 boundaries using this area to create District 16.

10 District 17 uses of the county line and shares
11 a boundary on Beach Boulevard with District 16 and
12 14. Unlike the benchmark map, no district uses the
13 sharp angle of the Nassau Duvall county line which
14 helps improve the compactness of District 15.

15 District 12 and the southern part of Duval
16 County primarily follows the St. John's and Artega
17 River along with the Florida East Coast Railway.
18 Mr. Speaker, that is Districts one through 17.

19 MR. SPEAKER: Chairman Leek, you're
20 recognized.

21 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank
22 you, Representative Byrd. I'd last ask you, Mr.
23 Speaker, to recognize Representative Fine to
24 present the next region.

25 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Fine, you're

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1 recognized.

2 REPRESENTATIVE FINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
3 And thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me to
4 present. We're going to do three sections. We're
5 going to start with HD10 and 21 through 24, which
6 is in North Central Florida. This includes those
7 five districts and you can see that every county is
8 kept whole in that area except Alachua and Marion.
9 These are both too big to be kept wholly within a
10 House District.

11 In addition to having a Tier One protected
12 district, the crosses between them with District
13 21. District 21 is a performing black district
14 that was mentioned earlier where the functional
15 analysis ensures the minority groups ability to
16 elect is not diminished.

17 Every city in Alachua County is kept wholly
18 within the district except Gainesville, where
19 Districts 21 and 22 contain 100 percent of the
20 city's population. And every city in Marion County
21 is kept whole except Ocala, which is divided
22 between Districts 21 and 24. Both of these cities
23 are split between just two districts similar to the
24 decision to keep Tallahassee in just two districts
25 in an effort to consistently apply our

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1 constitutional standards.

2 Districts 10, 22 and 23 each contain at least
3 one whole county and then cross into just one other
4 county for the remainder of their population.

5 Districts 10 and 22 cross into Alachua County and
6 District 23 crosses into Marion County. District
7 24 is kept wholly within Marion County, where the
8 city of Ocala is split between it and the protected
9 District 21.

10 We're now going to move on to Northeastern
11 Florida, and the proposed House Districts 11, 18
12 through 20, and 25 through 30. In Clay, St.
13 John's, Putnam, and Flagler counties.
14 Collectively, the mathematical compactness of this
15 region improved compared to the benchmark.
16 District 11 is wholly within Clay County and
17 District 18 is wholly within St. Johns County.

18 The remaining part of St. Johns County is
19 split into two districts, rather than just one in
20 order to avoid having to split either Putnam or
21 Flagler County, but every municipality in St. Johns
22 County has kept whole, including St. Augustine in
23 proposed District 19.

24 As we move down towards Central Florida,
25 Districts 25 and 26 are both wholly located in Lake

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1 County and the only municipality in the county that
2 is split is Leesburg, which is split between these
3 two districts. Every other Lake County
4 municipality is wholly located within one of the
5 districts contained within Lake County.

6 Out towards the eastern coast there are two
7 districts wholly within Volusia County, Districts
8 28 and 29. Every municipality in Volusia County is
9 kept whole except Daytona Beach Shores whose
10 municipal boundaries are interlocked with the city
11 of Port Orange. In and the benchmark map, five
12 cities in Volusia County are split. So this is an
13 overall improvement for this county.

14 And then finally moving into Districts 31 to
15 34 on the Space and Treasure Coast's, Indian River
16 County is kept whole in District 34 and three other
17 Districts 31, 32, and 33 are kept wholly within
18 Brevard County, keeping as many municipalities
19 within Brevard County whole as feasible. These
20 four districts are similar to the shape of the
21 benchmark, but effort was made to choose boundary
22 lines that are more recognizable rather than census
23 block lines that sometimes travel through certain
24 areas, particularly the barrier island areas that
25 do not follow recognizable geographic features, but

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1 may provide a slightly better compactness score.

2 For example, the boundary between Districts 32
3 and 33 is a major road, State Road 192, or
4 municipal lines almost the entire way across the
5 county. And the boundary between Districts 31 and
6 32 is made up of waterways, the municipal lines of
7 Rockledge and Satellite Beach, as well as the Pine
8 Causeway for its entire length. And that is these
9 districts.

10 MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Representative Fine.
11 Members, just a quick -- take a brief break in the
12 action for a moment. For the many redistricting
13 scholars that are watching at home anxiously, our
14 business here today, Leader Jenny and I had a
15 conversation about something earlier. I just want
16 to clarify that in 2012 CS for SJR1176 was
17 positioned just like the bill we're doing today.

18 So the bill came over from the Senate, the
19 Senate map, he put the house map on and then sent
20 that back to the Florida Senate. So we are in the
21 same posture today that we were in 2012.

22 With that, Chairman Leek, you're recognized.

23 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And
24 thank you, Representative Fine. Mr. Speaker, I
25 would ask you to recognize Representative Seroid to

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1 present the next region.

2 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Seroid, you're
3 recognized.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEROID: Thank you. Good
5 afternoon, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chair Leek.
6 Members, The Central Florida region is an area of
7 the state along the I-4 cooridor that experienced a
8 lot of population growth over the last decade. The
9 combination of orange Osceola and Seminole counties
10 are able to fit 13 districts entirely within this
11 three county combination. Five districts are kept
12 wholly within Orange County to within Seminole
13 County and one within Osceola County. Districts 40
14 and 41 are performing black districts located
15 entirely within Orange County, and districts 43 and
16 46 are performing majority minority Hispanic
17 districts. District 43 is located entirely within
18 Orange County and district 46 entirely within
19 Osceola County. As noted before, the functional
20 analysis on each district that was conducted by
21 staff ensures the minority groups ability to elect
22 is not diminished and diminished. District 47 is a
23 new performing majority Hispanic district located
24 mostly within Osceola County, as well as part of
25 Orange County while keeping the city of St. Cloud

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1 whole. This district was drawn as a tier two
2 compliant district that happens to be a new
3 performing majority minority district that is
4 consistent with Hispanic population growth over the
5 last decade. A functional analysis as has been
6 previously previously described, ensures tier one
7 compliance. District 44 has a significant Hispanic
8 voting age population of just over 43 percent. That
9 although that although it does not perform now, it
10 may in the future. This is a significant Hispanic
11 voting age population within the district that may
12 have some influence in the electoral performance
13 of the district. Throughout this county
14 combination, as many major recognizable roadways
15 are used as possible, but also keeping cities whole
16 that were previously split in the benchmark, such
17 as Apopka, for example. Only one municipality is
18 split in Seminole County winter springs. And as
19 previously said St. Cloud in Osceola County is kept
20 whole. Now let's take a look at Polk County similar
21 to Bay County this decade where that county was
22 kept hold in a single district based on population
23 figures. Polk County was identified as a possible
24 County where four districts could be kept entirely
25 within it without any other district crossing

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1 county lines. This is accomplished in this map.
2 This is considerably different than the benchmark
3 where Polk County had two districts within but part
4 of three other districts that crossed into
5 neighboring counties. Our two workshop options
6 highlighted two distinct alternatives to drawing
7 these four districts within the county, keeping
8 every municipal municipality whole versus much more
9 visually and mathematically compact district
10 options. With the current proposed configuration
11 you see before us today, those two concepts have
12 been merged together as much as possible so that
13 each of the four districts have good visual and
14 mathematical compactness, while also being able to
15 keep every city within Polk County wholly within a
16 district. As we look at the region that includes
17 Sumpter, Hernando and Pasco counties, there is
18 enough population to form five districts within
19 these three counties. District 52 follows the
20 Sumpter County border for a large portion of its
21 shape, allowing Sumpter county to remain whole and
22 then continues to use Sumpter county boundary as it
23 travels west to include its remaining population.
24 Within Hernando County, the District uses the
25 Suncoast Parkway and a small part of us 98 For the

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1 entire western boundary. When you look at the data
2 packet, district 52 has a boundary analysis score
3 of 0% for non political or geographic boundaries.
4 Another way to say that 100 percent of its
5 boundaries falls into one of the recognized
6 categories for boundary usage. This is the only
7 district other than three districts in the map that
8 are made up of only home counties, which are
9 districts five, six and 83. To have a boundary
10 analysis score of 100 percent. Members three
11 districts 5455 and 56 are entirely within Pasco
12 County, using primarily major major recognizable
13 roadways, such as little road I-75, and old Pasco
14 road. This is similar to the current map, but
15 because of population growth, a fourth district now
16 must include part of Pasco County as well.
17 District 53 is the only district in this region to
18 cross county lines but is the most compactly shaped
19 district with the highest compactness score of all
20 these districts while following following as many
21 major roads as possible.

22 MR. SPEAKER: Before we go back to Chairman
23 Leek, Representative Rizzo, you're recognized for
24 recognition.

25 REPRESENTATIVE RIZZO: Thank you very much,

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1 Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in our West Gallery, I'd
2 like to recognize and welcome some members of the
3 Fraternal Order of Police from the Miami Lodge
4 number 20. We have with us Sergeant Tommy Ray is
5 the president of the lodge. We have Sergeant
6 Walter Lewis, the Secretary. We have Sergeant
7 (indiscernible) president of the Miami Hispanic
8 Officers Association. We have officer Ray
9 Rodriguez. We have officer Hector Erreta. Officer
10 Gania Fiat. Officer Joanna Garcia, and Officer
11 Jose Gutierrez.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Welcome to the Florida House.
13 Thank you for your service. Representative Leek,
14 you're recognized.

15 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank
16 you, Representative Saroi. Mr. Speaker, I ask you
17 to recognize Representative Robinson to present the
18 next region.

19 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Robinson, you're
20 recognized.

21 REPRESENTATIVE ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr.
22 Speaker. Moving to the Tampa Bay region, let's
23 review districts 57 through 72. This decade 16
24 districts were able to be kept in the three county
25 combination of Pinellas Hillsborough and Manatee

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1 County. Five districts were kept wholly in
2 Pinellas, seven districts wholly in Hillsborough,
3 and two districts wholly in Manatee County. Only
4 two districts contain population and more than one
5 county, district 62 between Pinellas and
6 Hillsborough, and district 70 between Hillsborough
7 and Manatee district 62 and 63 are performing black
8 districts. District 62 is located as a part of
9 Pinellas and Hillsborough County and district 63 is
10 entirely within Hillsborough County. As noted
11 before, the functional analysis of each district
12 was conducted by staff to ensure the minority
13 groups ability to elect candidates is not
14 diminished. The benchmark district 262 also
15 included part of two other counties crossing into
16 four counties in total. This proposed
17 configuration is an important that I'm sorry is an
18 improvement in visual and mathematical compactness
19 to the benchmark district. It also vastly improves
20 its boundary analysis going from 30 percent of its
21 borders following a non-political or geographical
22 boundary to just 9 percent.

23 In the proposed map, District 61 contains the
24 unpopulated water blocks that make up the tail of
25 Hillsborough County. By including this area and

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1 district 61. The visual and mathematical
2 compactness of multiple districts is improved.
3 Although this does technically bring district 61
4 and Hillsborough County, the Florida Supreme Court
5 has recognized that splits of cities or counties
6 that contain zero population do not count as
7 another split of that unit of geography. District
8 64 is another example of a district that primarily
9 uses major recognizable roadways in the area.

10 And in this case, the Gan Highway, Sheldon
11 Road, Hillsborough Avenue and Veterans expressway.
12 This creates a compact district that shares a
13 boundary with a protected black district that also
14 happens to be a majority minority Hispanic district
15 in Hillsborough County. More municipalities are
16 kept whole and Pinellas County compared to the
17 benchmark, including the city of Clearwater for
18 example.

19 All the remaining districts in Hillsborough
20 and Manatee counties primarily use major roadways,
21 railways, or rivers whenever possible to create
22 recognizable boundaries for all districts in
23 addition to keeping Plant City, Palmetto and
24 Bradenton whole move into Southwest Florida, we
25 have district 73 through 83. This is another

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1 example, where we're able to improve the overall
2 compactness of a region when compared to the
3 current map will also compete while also keeping
4 three districts wholly within Lee County to wholly
5 within Sarasota County, and another wholly within
6 Collier County. Six other counties were kept
7 wholly within a district.

8 District 83 is made up of four counties of
9 those who whole counties and hardy Highlands
10 Okeechobee and glades counties. Charlotte County
11 which like Bay County this decade was its own State
12 House District in the benchmark map. But with
13 growth over the decade, the county outgrew the size
14 of a house district, and so the county must be
15 split. Even though the county is split dividing
16 the county, like you see in this configuration
17 between districts 75 and 76 resulted in helping the
18 compactness of the entire region. And that was
19 part of the key to keeping other districts wholly
20 within Sarasota and Lee counties respectively. And
21 continuing the consistent approach to keeping
22 districts wholly within geographic regions when
23 feasible.

24 The proposed district 79 is almost entirely
25 within Cape Coral city limits with 99 percent of

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1 the proposed districts population in the City of
2 Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Naples and Sarasota among
3 other municipalities are kept whole in the region,
4 but Northport and Venice are split due to creating
5 equal population.

6 Longboat Key is one of the four cities in
7 Florida that is divided between two county lines,
8 meaning since we kept Sarasota Manatee County Line
9 hole we had to split Longboat Key.

10 Mr. Speaker members, that is the presentation
11 for House districts 59, 57 through 83.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Thank you Representative
13 Robinson. Representative Leek, you're recognized.

14 THE CLERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank
15 you, Representative Robinson. Mr. Speaker, I ask
16 that you to recognize Representative Tuck to
17 present the next region.

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Tuck, you're
19 recognized.

20 REPRESENTATIVE TUCK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
21 Moving on to the Southeast portion of Florida,
22 district 84 through 86 are comprised of St. Lucie
23 and Martin counties and also include a small part
24 of Palm Beach County. District 84 is kept entirely
25 within St. Lucie County. Port St. Lucie is one of

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1 10 cities too big for a house district so it must
2 be split. But all of the municipalities in Martin
3 and St. Lucie County are kept whole.

4 This new configuration compared to the
5 benchmark districts is more compact and respectful
6 of political and geographical boundaries. This
7 means we're looking at a more visually compact
8 district with easily recognizable lines. Moving
9 further south districts 87 through 94 are kept
10 totally within Palm Beach County. This is only
11 possible when another district incorporates the
12 right amount of population and Palm Beach County in
13 the balancing act of population deviations.

14 In this case, Palm Beach County had
15 approximately 57,000 to many people for eight state
16 House districts. So by including the amount of
17 population with so by including the amount of
18 population with the population in Martin County in
19 district 86, no other district had to cross the
20 Palm Beach County Line.

21 District 88 is a performing majority and
22 minority black district protected by tier one of
23 the Florida constitution that is located entirely
24 within Palm Beach County. As previously mentioned,
25 the functional analysis on this district was

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1 conducted by staff to ensure the minority groups
2 ability to elect candidates is not diminished.
3 This configuration of district ADA is a vast
4 improvement in visual and mathematical compactness
5 to the benchmark district the results in splitting
6 five fewer cities. The compactness scores of this
7 district are also vastly improved with a .08 reorg
8 score in the benchmark to .30.

9 In this configuration, and a .34 convex hull
10 score in the benchmark to .57 in this proposal.
11 Beyond the improvement to this district, the other
12 districts throughout the county are able to be
13 improved in terms of both visual and mathematical
14 compactness.

15 District 89 is now a compact rectangular
16 shaped district that also happens to be a majority
17 minority Hispanic district, District 90 through 93.
18 Each keep municipalities hold within them and the
19 configuration of all these districts are mostly to
20 accommodate keeping those cities whole such as Boca
21 Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and Wellington.
22 The Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge is
23 unpopulated and located in a single census block.
24 That is the reason why those districts in the area
25 have a bend in their shapes along the western side

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1 of each district and why the entire area is
2 included in district 94.

3 Moving into Broward County 10 districts are
4 wholly located within the county and just one other
5 district crosses the Broward Miami Dade County
6 line. There are no districts that crossed the Palm
7 Beach Broward County lines. Overall the 11 total
8 districts that make up the population in Broward
9 County have all improved to your two metrics when
10 compared to the benchmark districts in this region.

11 When more cities are able to be kept whole
12 including Margate, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park,
13 Cooper city, Weston and Dania Beach in the cities
14 and the cities that had to be split are divided as
15 little as possible.

16 For example, in the proposed map, the city of
17 Plantation is split into three districts, which is
18 an improvement over the benchmark where plantation
19 is split into five districts. District 9798 and 99
20 in the northern part of Broward County and district
21 104 and 105 in the southern part of the county are
22 performing black districts protected by tier one.

23 Districts 97 and 99 are majority minority
24 black districts. All of these districts are wholly
25 within Broward County except district 104 that

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1 crosses the Miami Dade County line. As mentioned
2 in the opening remarks, the functional analysis on
3 these districts was conducted by staff to ensure
4 the minority groups ability to elect candidates is
5 not diminished. District 103 contains all of the
6 city of Weston and as an otherwise compact district
7 almost 90 percent of the district's boundary
8 boundary follows municipal lines, major roadways or
9 the Broward County line.

10 It also happens to be a majority and minority
11 Hispanic district wholly within Broward County and
12 that is districts 84 through 105. Thank you, Mr.
13 Speaker.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Representative Tuck.
15 generally recognized. Chairman Leek, you're
16 recognized.

17 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank
18 you, Representative Tuck. Mr. Speaker, I ask you
19 to recognize Representative Byrd to explain the
20 last region.

21 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Byrd, you're
22 recognized.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BYRD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
24 We will now cover House districts 104 through 112.
25 Moving to the northern part of Miami Dade County,

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1 you can see that only one district crosses the
2 Miami Dade County Line district 104. This is an
3 improvement over the benchmark map that had four
4 districts crossed the Miami Dade Broward County
5 line.

6 As an added benefit of making that change
7 district one to five is now wholly within Broward
8 County performing a forming very square shaped
9 districts that is more visually and mathematically
10 compact than the original bill.

11 Additionally, the city of Miami Gardens is now
12 only split between two districts, as opposed to
13 four districts and earlier versions of the proposed
14 map. District 107, 108, and 109 Shown here are
15 entirely within Miami Dade County and are
16 performing black districts. Districts 107 and 108
17 are majority minority black districts.

18 As mentioned a functional analysis on these
19 districts was conducted by staff ensuring these
20 districts continue to be protected. District 106
21 includes nine beach municipalities, including Miami
22 Beach along the coast, all wholly together and the
23 district northern border stops at the county line.

24 Looking at the region the average of the
25 compactness scores of nine districts improves when

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1 compared to the benchmark district as well as their
2 use of municipal lines. You may notice districts
3 107, 108, and 111 each have a small extension on
4 their east sides.

5 And in each case, these extensions are made in
6 order to keep cities wholly within the districts.
7 Those extensions are necessary to keep the city of
8 North Miami Beach whole and district 107 the city
9 of Miami Shores whole, and district 108 and the
10 City of Melbourne whole within district 111.

11 There are also many other boundary lines they
12 use municipal lines for example, the boundary
13 between districts 109 and 112 is made up almost
14 exclusively of municipal lines and many other
15 municipalities are whole within these districts.
16 For example, Opa Locka is kept whole in district
17 109. Miami Lakes is whole within district 110.
18 Miami Springs is whole within district 112 and
19 Darrelle is whole within district 111.

20 We'll now move to House districts 106 through
21 120. Now, looking at Miami Dade County as a whole,
22 13 districts. Districts 106 through 119 are wholly
23 within Miami Dade County. As we mentioned earlier,
24 district 104 crosses the Broward Miami Dade County
25 line and the only other districts across the county

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1 line is district 120, which crosses the Monroe
2 Miami Dade County line to include all of Monroe
3 County. Districts 116 and 120 are the only two
4 districts that include all are part of Miami Dade
5 County that are not tier one protected districts.
6 Districts 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118,
7 and 119 and Miami Dade County are all performing
8 Hispanic districts protected by tier one of the
9 Florida constitution.

10 As mentioned, a functional analysis on each of
11 these districts was conducted by staff to ensure
12 the minority groups ability to elect is not
13 diminished. All nine of these districts are
14 majority minority Hispanic districts entirely
15 within Miami Dade County. District 117 in Miami
16 Dade County as a performing black district that is
17 entirely within Miami Dade County that has been
18 recreated to ensure a minority groups ability to
19 elect is not diminished. The shape of district 117
20 is similar to the benchmark district allowing
21 Florida city to be kept hold within the bottom part
22 of the district.

23 However, this district has greatly improved
24 boundary analysis scores compared to the benchmark
25 district where 43 percent of the benchmark district

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1 followed non-political or geographic boundaries and
2 this proposed configuration drops that number down
3 to just 15 percent. The boundary analysis score
4 represents the biggest improvement in tier two
5 metrics over the benchmark and all these districts
6 in tier two metrics.

7 In the benchmark these 15 districts combined
8 followed an average of 29 percent of non-political
9 or geographic boundaries. The districts in the
10 proposed map cut that number on more than half to
11 an average of just 15 percent. This means that
12 throughout the whole region in Miami Dade County,
13 more easily recognizable geographical features are
14 used than in the current map. The shared border of
15 districts 114 and 115 utilize municipal lines for
16 the majority of its length. This is to keep the
17 city of Coral Gables in South Miami whole in
18 district 114.

19 In the cities of Pine Crest, Palmetto Bay and
20 Cutler Bay hole within district 115. This boundary
21 line may appear more jagged than others in the area
22 because of these municipal lines. Because of the
23 north south nature of the population distribution
24 and the development of the major roadways in this
25 area. Many of the districts in the region take a

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1 more vertical or north south orientation.

2 Districts 116, 118, and 119 are examples of
3 this type of configuration which had been created
4 using as many major roadways as possible. Finally,
5 district 120 at the southern end of the state has
6 all the remaining parts of Miami Dade County and
7 entirety of Monroe County including the Dry
8 Tortugas.

9 Mr. Speaker, that concludes our redistricting
10 journey through the state of Florida.

11 MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Representative Byrd.
12 Representative Leek.

13 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And
14 thank you, Chair Byrd. And that, Mr. Speaker, is
15 the amendment containing the proposed state house
16 map.

17 MR. SPEAKER: Members, we are in questions.
18 We are in questions. Representative Alexander
19 recognizes Representative Wilhite. Representative
20 Wilhite, you're recognized.

21 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you, Mr.
22 Speaker. I'd like to yield the floor to the member
23 from the 100th District Representative Geller,
24 please.

25 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller, you're

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1 recognized in questions.

2 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Mr.
3 Speaker. And Thank you, Chair Leek. Chair Leek,
4 was this map drawn entirely by committee staff?

5 MR. SPEAKER: Chairman Leek.

6 CHAIRMAN LEEK: I would say not entirely by
7 committee staff because you also had an input as to
8 the members and throughout the committees and
9 subcommittees. But the work product itself comes -
10 - comes to you through the joint efforts of all
11 committee members and staff.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller.

13 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Was it staff that made
14 the whatever policy decisions were included in the
15 drawing of the map represent the league.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

17 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Representative
18 Geller. As you know, we all made those policy
19 decisions. They were -- they came up through the
20 committee process, whether in the subcommittee's or
21 the final committees and those policies -- the maps
22 that you see today, are the combination of all of
23 those policy decisions.

24 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller.

25 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Mr.

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1 Speaker. Were the maps that were proposed that we
2 got Thursday, the week before, did those maps
3 contain policy decisions, and who other than staff
4 was involved in the policy decisions that went into
5 the maps as proposed to the subcommittees and full
6 committee?

7 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

8 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Representative
9 Geller. Every map contains policy decisions in all
10 of us, as I've said, from the beginning of the sign
11 of question, all of the members of the
12 subcommittees all the members of the big committee
13 were involved in making those policy decisions.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller.

15 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Mr.
16 Speaker. I understand what your answer is, Chair
17 Leek. My question goes not to what's there today,
18 but what was proposed to the subcommittee and the
19 committee when the committee substitute was issued
20 -- when the committee bill was issued, who was
21 involved other than staff in any policy decisions
22 that went into the map that was proposed?

23 MR. SPEAKER: I think that's asked and
24 answered, Representative Geller. But,
25 Representative Leek, do you have anything

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1 additional to add to that question?

2 CHAIRMAN LEEK: No, I'd stand on my prior
3 answer.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Okay. Any additional questions,
5 Representative Geller?

6 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Yes, thank you, Mr.
7 Speaker. Were any of those policy decisions made
8 by you or Chair Byrd in terms of the proposed map?

9 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

10 CHAIRMAN LEEK: I would say that those policy
11 decisions are made necessarily by me, by Chair Byrd
12 by you in every other member who engaged in the
13 process.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller.

15 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: What was the reason
16 that the actual proposed maps could not be
17 presented until the Thursday before the full
18 committee. And then the revisions Monday, two days
19 before the full committee?

20 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller, do you
21 have a question about the map? The bill before you
22 is the map. Do you have a question on the bill?
23 Representative Geller.

24 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Mr.
25 Speaker. My -- my -- I'm trying to inquire about

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1 the process that got us to the map.

2 MR. SPEAKER: I understand, Representative
3 Geller. The process isn't in front of you to vote
4 on tomorrow. What is in front of you is the map.
5 Do you have questions on the substance of the map
6 for Representative Leek. You're recognized.

7 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Mr.
8 Speaker. How is the software that was going to be
9 used identified, Chair Leek.

10 MR. SPEAKER: Chairman Leek.

11 CHAIRMAN LEEK: I believe you're referring to
12 the ESRI software.

13 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek. I think --
14 he said yes.

15 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Okay. That's how it's
16 referred to. It's the ESRI software.

17 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller.

18 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Mr.
19 Speaker. My question is How was that software
20 identified as opposed to any other that was
21 available?

22 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

23 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you. This software was
24 vetted. It is one that is the industry leader and
25 used by many other states throughout the country.

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller.

2 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Was there -- Thank
3 you, Mr. Speaker -- Was there any functionality it
4 had that other platforms didn't, or were there any
5 alternatives that did have additional functionality
6 that ESRI does not?

7 MR. SPEAKER: I'm going to recognize Chairman
8 Leek on that question, Representative Geller, but I
9 am going to start limiting things that are limited
10 to the substance of the map before us or the
11 substance of the districts. The question should be
12 about the districts. Chairman Leek, do you have
13 anything to add to that?

14 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Speaker. I mean,
15 just to help you out here, all the software
16 products are unique. We felt this one was the most
17 complete product for our purposes.

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller.

19 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you -- Thank
20 you, Mr. Speaker. I'll ask one final question on
21 that, and then I understand your -- your --

22 MR. SPEAKER: The next question has to be on
23 the map, Representative Geller.

24 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: One question. Were
25 there any ESRI features that they offered that we

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1 declined, and were they given any specific
2 instruction to disable any features or
3 functionality?

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Geller, do you
5 have any questions on the substance of the map?
6 Representative Geller?

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8 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: I have no further
9 questions at this time. I'll defer -- yield back
10 to the Representative Wilhite.

11 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Wilhite, you're
12 recognized.

13 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you, Mr.
14 Speaker. I yield the floor to the member of the
15 97th District, Representative Daly.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Daly, you're
17 recognized.

18 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
19 Speaker. What -- Chair Leek, what -- what
20 methodology was used in drafting the maps that are
21 in front of us today, and who established that
22 methodology?

23 MR. SPEAKER: I'm sorry, Representative Daly.
24 I apologize. Will you restate that question?

25 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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1 What methodology was used in drafting the maps that
2 are in front of us today, and who established that
3 methodology?

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

5 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We
6 followed the Florida Constitution and federal law.

7 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Daly.

8 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
9 Speaker. And thank you, Chair for that answer. If
10 the methodology set out was simply compliance with
11 tier one and tier two criteria, as outlined in the
12 Constitution, how did we reconcile, harmonize, or
13 prioritize those criteria when they were in
14 conflict with one another?

15 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

16 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you. That's a good
17 question. That goes on a case-by-case, district-
18 by-district basis. But you will see that we are in
19 compliance with Tier One. The multi standards
20 across tier one we put those first in compliance
21 with tier two, we considered all those where they
22 were intention we made -- we made resolve those
23 tensions by talking to the members by -- by doing
24 those things that I had the committee put an
25 emphasis on keeping counties whole and keeping

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1 cities whole. And that's what we did.

2 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Daly.

3 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.

4 Speaker. So just to clarify, so it sounds like

5 they the -- methodology was not necessarily the

6 same throughout the map, but it changed region by

7 region.

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

9 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Yes -- Yes, necessarily.

10 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Daly.

11 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.

12 Speaker. What data sets were used in drafting

13 these maps, and where can the public access that

14 data?

15 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

16 CHAIRMAN LEEK: The US Census Data and the

17 Florida elections data, all of which is available

18 in ESRI and has been since we started this process.

19 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Daly.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.

21 Speaker, and thank you, Mr. Chair, was any data or

22 data sets used by committee staff or experts or

23 consultants retained by the house that is not

24 available to members of the general public through

25 the online redistricting application?

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek?

2 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No.

3 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Daly, for a
4 question on the map. You're recognized.

5 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
6 Speaker. How did we select the 30 districts that
7 we received performance data on in the map packet,
8 Mr. Speaker?

9 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

10 CHAIRMAN LEEK: I'm afraid I'm going to need
11 you to be a little more precise there with the
12 language, to make sure you're following the
13 language of the law if you would, please.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Daly.

15 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thanks, Mr. Speaker.
16 So it's my understanding, Chairman, that there were
17 30 specific districts that were called out and
18 that's the performance data that we've received.
19 How did we select the 30 districts that we received
20 the information on?

21 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

22 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can
23 speak to this generally but, of course, each
24 district is a district-by-district analysis. What
25 we do is you take the benchmark maps and then you

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1 overlay it with a population data from -- from
2 2020. You look -- you can see where the population
3 clusters are. You can also see where the
4 previously protected districts were, and then you
5 eventually get to a functional analysis to make
6 sure that that district is protected.

7 MR. SPEAKER: No additional questions,
8 Representative Daly. Representative Wilhite.

9 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you, Mr.
10 Speaker. I yield the floor to the member from the
11 107th District, Representative Benjamin.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Benjamin, you're
13 recognized in questions.

14 RB: Thank you, Mr. Chair -- Excuse me, Mr.
15 Speaker. I'll get to Mr. Chair in a minute. Okay.
16 Does the plan or any district favor any incumbent
17 or political party?

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

19 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Absolutely not.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Benjamin.

21 RB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Chair, given
22 the redistricting suggestion form on the joint
23 website, it requires the submission of the list of
24 names of every person group organizations who
25 collaborate who collaborated with the submission of

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1 a map. Who drafted the plan?

2 MR. SPEAKER: I'm sorry, I don't understand
3 that question, Representative Benjamin, could you
4 clarify?

5 RB: How about I just -- thank you Mr. Chair -
6 - Mr. Speaker, I'll just ask a question. Who
7 assisted in the drafting of the plan?

8 MR. SPEAKER: I apologize. The plan on the --
9 on the website -- the form, Representative Benjamin
10 --

11 RB: Yes.

12 MR. SPEAKER: -- or the math that's before us
13 here today?

14 RB: The map.

15 MR. SPEAKER: Okay. Who drafted the map.
16 Representative Leek.

17 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You
18 did -- we did. We all did. Then utilized staff to
19 help us do it.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Benjamin.

21 RB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the map, this
22 first this is this is the committee's final version
23 of a map. How many drafts did we go through before
24 we got here?

25 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

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1 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you. I think that's an
2 impossible question to answer. We can talk about
3 published drafts that were vetted through the
4 committees and the like. But -- but every time you
5 move a single line, you change the districts all
6 around them as well. So there's an infinite number
7 of iterations that you go through that I wouldn't
8 necessarily call drafts. And I don't have the
9 information on how many drafts were published to
10 the committee's, but I'm sure it's available to
11 you.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Benjamin.

13 RB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What if any
14 persons, groups, or organizations were consulted
15 with regards to -- other than staff -- who was --
16 was consulted with regards of the drafting of the
17 map?

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Benjamin, that is
19 not a question about the map that is before us
20 today. Do you have a question about the maps, the
21 districts, the demographic data that's involved in
22 the maps that are before us today?

23 RB: Was any data used that included partisan
24 makeups for the district?

25 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

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1 CHAIRMAN LEEK: I need you to be a little more
2 precise, sir, because you said, the district. I
3 needed you to specify which district.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Benjamin, you're
5 recognized.

6 RB: The districts that make up the final
7 version that we're talking about today.

8 MR. SPEAKER: I think it's all the districts
9 is what he's talking about. Representative Leek.

10 CHAIRMAN LEEK: A functional analysis is used
11 to determine on protected districts to make sure
12 that the district continues to perform as in the
13 way that it is protected. Beyond that, I think us
14 partisan data performance data is not used.

15 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Benjamin.

16 RB: Is -- is there any partisan data
17 available on the program that was used to draft the
18 current maps?

19 MR. SPEAKER: I think that's asked and
20 answered, Representative Benjamin. Any additional
21 questions on the substance of the map that's before
22 us, Representative Benjamin.

23 RB: Were efforts made to accommodate the
24 public with remote testimony options given that
25 this process took place during the pandemic, and

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1 were there any language options other than English?

2 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Benjamin, that is
3 not a question on the map. Members, I know that we
4 have a lot of concerns and a lot of opinions about
5 redistricting. Now is not the time to air those
6 opinions. Today is about asking questions about
7 the map. Before you is a presentation that
8 includes 120 house districts. 120 different
9 separate districts that contain Floridians across
10 the state. Each one of those districts is
11 different. As you know, there are many cities,
12 counties, road splits, waterway splits that aren't
13 contained inside those districts. As many of you
14 know who are on these committees, there's a lot
15 goes into this process. All of those questions are
16 relevant to be asked here today. Questions that
17 don't include any of those things that included in
18 those 120 districts, are not relevant to be
19 included here today.

20 So please, for the rest of the day if we could
21 keep our questions directly to the maps, I promise
22 you there is plenty of questions that could be
23 asked by these 120 districts that span our state
24 that includes 22 million people.

25 Representative Benjamin, you're recognized.

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1 RB: That concludes my questions. Thank you,
2 Mr. Speaker.

3 MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Representative
4 Wilhite, you're recognized.

5 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you, Mr.
6 Speaker. I recognize a member from the 59th
7 District. Representative Learned.

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Learned, you're
9 recognized.

10 REPRESENTATIVE LEARNED: Thank you, Mr.
11 Speaker. And thank you, Chairman, for your -- your
12 work. I was in the bubble trying to understand how
13 this process happened. And, I guess, he was
14 walking through how we drew essentially from the
15 corners of the state. So kind of starting in north
16 -- northwest and working our way to the south. And
17 I guess my question is about -- I know we were
18 presented with two maps in the committee process --
19 in the subcommittees, and then the one we have
20 before us now.

21 So my question is, are those the two versions
22 that were submitted? Were there other versions of
23 how we got to that place that maybe started in like
24 the middle of state worked ourselves out. Lile, or
25 was it just the two versions?

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

2 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let
3 me do my best here. I think you're talking about
4 the two versions, the workshop versions. And the
5 workshop versions were versions that were designed
6 to show the members of the committee the different
7 ways you can approach constructing legally
8 compliant maps. And so in some instances, we focus
9 more on compactness and other instances, we may
10 have focused more on keeping counties and cities
11 whole. Those were workshop maps.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Learned.

13 REPRESENTATIVE LEARNED: Thank you, Mr.
14 Speaker. So, I guess, in the question I'm asking
15 is about how we got to this place. It sounds like
16 the two versions where we started in the corners,
17 and we worked our way to the middle, where there
18 are versions of maps that were drawn, that maybe
19 started in the middle of the state worked its way
20 out or in an AI that assigned 100,000 maps, then we
21 sorted through by minority access to make sure we
22 hit our tier one criteria with it. Were there
23 other ways of drawing maps that we didn't consider?

24 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

25 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You

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1 know, I've heard it said that there -- the map can
2 be drawn legally compliant in an infinite number of
3 ways. I don't know that you -- infinite numbers,
4 there is the right way to go at that. It's
5 probably innumerable, though. You probably can't
6 get to the number of of different ways that we
7 couldn't count that high, let me just say that.
8 And so if you're -- if you're talking about ways
9 that were not considered, I think the universe of
10 that is, is -- is too big for us to even ponder
11 today. What you had was how we did consider it.
12 And we took the benchmark maps, we took the 2020
13 Census Data later to cross, we looked at the
14 protected districts, and then we adjusted for
15 population in the ways that you see in front of
16 you.

17 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Learned.

18 REPRESENTATIVE LEARNED: Thank you, Mr.
19 Speaker. And I think this is my last question.
20 Are there -- So, I think I understand how we got to
21 the to workshop maps. Did we purposely reject any
22 other methods of getting to this final product, or
23 did we just decide that those two -- like are those
24 two the right ones that we just decided we were
25 going to run with, or did we reject any others for

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1 criteria that we haven't -- we don't have here?

2 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

3 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

4 Remember that this map in some cases, you know,
5 where the geography of the state of Florida is
6 unique, it's difficult. We can't carve it up into
7 neat little squares, like some of the states out
8 west. And so, you know, what we did is in some
9 instances, to -- to achieve the proper population
10 within the geographic limitations, you end up, you
11 know, focusing more on counties and more on cities.
12 And always we looked at the resulting districts and
13 check them for compactness. I hope that answers
14 your question.

15 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Learned.

16 REPRESENTATIVE LEARNED: Thank you, Mr.
17 Speaker. Just one last one. So in doing that
18 across the state, did we apply the same method
19 statewide, or was their geographical concern? So,
20 like, kind of to your point, it is a weird state,
21 right? So do we draw the Panhandle, for example,
22 different than we drew, you know -- you know, urban
23 Miami or Tampa Bay from -- from Jacksonville
24 because of the way the bay splits and we've got
25 things going across the bays. So was it -- was the

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1 map drawn differently in different parts of the
2 state because of its unique geography?

3 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

4 CHAIRMAN LEEK: I think I understand what
5 you're -- what you're asking. We didn't emphasize
6 emphasize any of these specific, legally compliant
7 methods that we could have drawn maps any
8 differently across the state.

9 MR. SPEAKER: All right. We're going to take
10 a quick break in the action members. First, I'm
11 going to recognize Representative Joseph for
12 recognition, followed by Representative Achosky and
13 Davis from Representative Davis' desk.
14 Representative Joseph, you're recognized.

15 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
16 I'm going to give it a second for some of my
17 colleagues to join me here for a recognition of --
18 they're almost here. They're coming. They're
19 coming. All right. We have the Florida
20 Association of Black Chambers of Commerce here in
21 the East Gallery, if they would stand to be
22 recognized over there. All right. With us we have
23 the President Shahi Gellan. And we have some folks
24 that traveled from all around the state. But you
25 know, I got to give my shout out to Chairman Jeff

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1 Lowzama and President Eric Knowles and former
2 president of the NAACP, Mr. Roberts, welcome to the
3 Florida House.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Welcome to the Florida House.
5 Representatives Davis and Chaski from
6 Representative Davis' desk, you're recognized for
7 recognition.

8 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
9 I was waiting for my colleagues to make it over
10 here. We have a number of future elected leaders
11 walking the halls and working in our offices and we
12 just wanted to take a minute to recognize them.
13 Two interns working in my suite, Marissa Mata Razi,
14 please stand there in the East Gallery, as well as
15 Fiorella Zarza. Marissa is a student from
16 University of North Florida. She's a double major
17 with communication and political science. Fiorella
18 is a student from University of Florida, a another
19 double major for economics and political science.
20 So you all welcome them to the Florida House,
21 please.

22 MR. SPEAKER: Welcome to the Florida House.

23 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: And we have a few
24 more -- few more leaders that Representative Chaski
25 would like to recognize.

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1 RC: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you,
2 Representative Davis. I just want to recognize
3 Braiden Cott. He is an intern working with our
4 office this session. He is a junior at FSU
5 studying economics with a minor in Political
6 Science and Braiden is in the West Gallery.

7 MR. SPEAKER: Welcome to the Florida House.
8 All right. Members, we are back in questions.
9 Representative Wilhite, any questions.

10 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you, Mr.
11 Speaker. I'd like to yield the floor to
12 Representative Woodson from the 101st District.

13 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Woodson, you're
14 recognized.

15 REPRESENTATIVE WOODSON: Thank you, Mr.
16 Speaker, and Chair Leek. I have a question for
17 you. Knowing that the Haitian Creole speakers are
18 reported as the third largest language group in
19 Florida, how were the Haitian Creole speakers
20 reflected in this plan, and how are the language
21 speakers identify and our mapping software as well?

22 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

23 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank
24 you, Representative. In large part, as a result of
25 your input and committee, we were able to protect

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1 the Haitian Creole language speakers within
2 Districts 107 and 108.

3 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Woodson.

4 REPRESENTATIVE WOODSON: Thank you, Mr.
5 Speaker. How -- how did we prepare for the 2022
6 redistricting cycle when it come to that? Was
7 there any preparation done in order for us to
8 really look at drafting a whole district for the
9 Haitian community?

10 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Woodson, could
11 you clarify that question a little bit for me?

12 REPRESENTATIVE WOODSON: No. I wanted to
13 know, Mr. Speaker, was there anything done just to
14 (indiscernible) out -- to map out a whole district
15 for the Haitian community since the numbers have
16 grown one so much?

17 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

18 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll
19 -- I'll do my best with that. As you know, the
20 census level data doesn't include Haitian Creole is
21 a language speaking minority. So the actual
22 information that we get to redistrict doesn't have
23 that, as you also know Florida elections data that
24 is kept doesn't doesn't provide the option to that
25 when you vote that is recorded as Haitian Creole.

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1 And so what we did is we we talked to you and we
2 talked to the other members in those types of of
3 that process throughout the committee process to
4 get to the point where we were able to recognize
5 that District 107 and 108 would be those protected
6 districts that you're talking about.

7 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Woodson.

8 REPRESENTATIVE WOODSON: And I appreciate
9 that, Chairman Leek, you were working with me on
10 that. But I want to know, knowing that we have 10
11 years to prepare for that. Is there any guarantee
12 that we would do better next time to make sure we
13 identified the data in order to do what we just
14 mentioned?

15 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Woodson, I'm sure
16 we could talk about next time at some point, but
17 today we got to ask questions on the map. Do you
18 have any additional questions on this map?

19 REPRESENTATIVE WOODSON: Thank you.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Understood. Representative
21 Wilhite.

22 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you, Mr.
23 Speaker. I'd like to yield the floor to
24 Representative Joseph from the 108th District.

25 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph, you're

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1 recognized.

2 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
3 All right, so I'm looking here at the Florida
4 constitution, we all have a copy of this particular
5 book. And I want to draw the members attention to
6 Article Three Sections 20 and 21, Subsection A,
7 which requires when drawing these maps, the
8 district shall be shall not be drawn with the
9 intent or result of denying or bridging the equal
10 opportunity of racial or language minorities to
11 participate in the political process, or diminish
12 their ability to elect representatives of their
13 choice. My question is, in evaluating how Haitian
14 Creole speakers or even Hispanic language speakers
15 are factored in, is it the position of the house?
16 Whoever can answer this when looking at the maps,
17 that Haitian Creole language speakers are or are
18 not entitled to minority language protection under
19 the state constitution provision that I just read?

20 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

21 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
22 So we have protected Haitian Creole speakers and
23 districts 107 and 108. What I think you're
24 struggling with is that data is not collected by
25 the Census. Right. And the census data used for

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1 redistricting. And it's not collected by the state
2 of Florida for elections. And so to do so, we had
3 to rely on member input.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

5 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
6 So just to clarify, because I appreciate you
7 answering the question you think I asked, and I'm
8 going to get to that question, too. I guess my
9 initial question is just, is it the position of the
10 house, that language minorities are protected? It
11 sounds like the answer is yes. But I don't want to
12 assume because you said that we have protected. So
13 is it the position of the house that Haitian Creole
14 language, speakers are a protected class pursuant
15 to the Florida constitutional provision for
16 language minorities exactly.

17 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

18 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Yeah. So -- so there's no no
19 case precedent, establishing it as as a protected
20 language minority, we nonetheless have done so. So
21 I can't answer your technical question of whether
22 it is legally a recognized language minority. I
23 can tell you that case law doesn't is doesn't exist
24 for that. But we have nonetheless done it.

25 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

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1 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
2 I appreciate that. I guess what I'm asking, I'm
3 not asking you to serve as in the position of a
4 court of law. I'm just asking in the purpose for
5 us to understand as the maps were drawn, were they
6 treated as a protected language minority class
7 pursuant to the Constitution, or were they not,
8 whether they actually are is not my question?

9 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph, I believe
10 that's asked and answered. If you have an
11 additional questions, you can be recognized. Yes,
12 ma'am, you're recognized.

13 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: I do have an additional
14 question, but to the extent that I'm still asking
15 that particular question, because his response was
16 that he can't answer legally technically. I'm not
17 asking legally technically. I'm just asking, in
18 developing the maps that we're about to vote on,
19 was it treated as that or was it not?

20 MR. SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am, and he answered your
21 question. He said, while that data might not have
22 been available, that was included in the districts
23 with the input of members. He answered that now
24 several times. Representative Joseph, you're
25 recognized.

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1 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
2 My next question has to do with let's see here,
3 recognizing that this community is constitutionally
4 protected, what have we done to ensure that this
5 language minority group, particularly Haitian
6 Creole, was included? I know you describe some
7 efforts generically, but as you mentioned, the
8 census data that you were relying on, you meaning
9 the committee staff, were relying on did not
10 specifically have that, can you describe for this
11 body, how that was taken into account?

12 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek, do you have
13 anything additional to add, other than you took the
14 input of members in order to reflect that in the
15 districts?

16 CHAIRMAN LEEK: No, sir.

17 MR. SPEAKER: Okay. Any additional questions?
18 You're recognized.

19 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Okay. So, how was
20 language -- Haitian language minorities taken into
21 account in these maps?

22 MR. SPEAKER: That's been asked and answered,
23 Representative Joseph. Do you have additional
24 questions? You're recognized.

25 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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1 Did the house's analysis involve ecological
2 regression or interest analysis to determine the
3 level of minority cohesion, white voting block, and
4 racially polarized voting?

5 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

6 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And
7 just for those of you who are still awake in the
8 chamber, we're going to go down a very deep rabbit
9 hole here. The -- the analysis you're talking
10 about is a very intensive analysis that has to be
11 performed by experts. Now, to answer your
12 question is, yes, it is performed by experts. But
13 the level of analysis or expertise that is required
14 is beyond staff. And so we use our counsel to help
15 us with that.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

17 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you. So in
18 saying that you use your counsel to help with that,
19 I asked about three particular categories. One of
20 them being minority cohesion, the second being
21 white voting block, and the third being racially
22 polarized voting, which, if any of those were taken
23 into account by council in drawing these maps?

24 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

25 CHAIRMAN LEEK: What I can tell you is that we

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1 are conducting all the appropriate constitutional
2 analyses and that information and then comes to us
3 with and we use that to make the decisions that are
4 necessary in the maps that you have in front of
5 you.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

7 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
8 So, I guess, I don't want to ask and answer a
9 question. I asked the question, but I didn't get
10 an answer to the question. And I'm not sure how to
11 proceed, because I have other questions I can ask,
12 but I heard that we're getting appropriate
13 analyses. And before that, the answer was that
14 counsel is advising us. So if the answer is, you
15 don't know, that's fine. I guess I just -- because
16 we're about to vote on it to the extent that I can
17 get clarity on just those three points.

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek, would you
19 like to clarify?

20 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now
21 the problem is the question, right. Because that
22 type of analysis is not done on every district.
23 And so if you want to, you know, ask for a specific
24 -- specific district, and we can, you know, answer
25 that question. The other problem with that is it's

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1 removed from us, right. So it is a couple of steps
2 from us, done by the experts, who are, you know,
3 beyond anybody I know, in this room able to perform
4 that analysis. So I'm doing the best I can with
5 the question I got and the information I have.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

7 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
8 And I appreciate the clarification. So that kind
9 of information is useful to have first to know. So
10 as it pertains to, you said the first part of your
11 response was that it was performed for some
12 districts and not others. Can you identify for
13 this body, which district those three kinds of
14 analyses were performed for, and if it's, you know,
15 however, you want to answer that question.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

17 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you. Not as I stand
18 here today, no.

19 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

20 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you. So just to
21 be clear, that analysis for those three categories
22 that I inquired about was performed, but not for
23 all 120 districts?

24 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

25 CHAIRMAN LEEK: That analysis or some

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1 variation of that analysis and combination of that
2 analysis is performed, but not for every district.

3 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

4 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Is there some -- thank
5 you, Mr. Speaker. Is there some kind of record of
6 which analysis was performed on which districts?
7 Because you just said, that analysis or some
8 combination thereof, or some variation thereof.
9 I'm just asking about three specific kinds of
10 analyses?

11 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

12 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I
13 want to be clear, the problem with answering that
14 question is they don't exist independent of each
15 other. Sometimes they're used in combination,
16 sometimes they're used in different combinations. I
17 don't have the information on which combinations
18 were used on which districts, I can say, with
19 certainty, it's not performed on all 120 districts.
20 The other problem with that is that the the
21 analysis is done, you know, not by me, but outside
22 of us. So I can't tell tell you what records they
23 have or, or or those types of things, but I would
24 expect them to have all the records that lawyers
25 keep.

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

2 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

3 So somebody has this information, some of the
4 analysis was performed. Can you share with the
5 body who conducted that analysis and how we can
6 access that information, because I -- we still
7 don't have it, and we were about to vote on it.

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

9 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Yeah, the same thing, my same
10 answer from before, right. Our counsel does that.
11 Our counsel would have that information. And I
12 don't -- I think quite frankly, even if you had the
13 information, including myself in this group, it
14 would not be it. It doesn't report itself in a way
15 that that the normal person can look at it and use
16 it right so you have to have an expert to interpret
17 it as well. So that's the best I can do for you
18 right now.

19 MR. SPEAKER: Representative
20 Joseph.

21 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
22 What was the result of those regression inferences
23 analyses, even if you yourself, don't have them was
24 that discussed with you or anybody or staff in some
25 way, shape or form by your outside counsel?

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph, do you
2 have a question about a particular district? That
3 might make it a little easier to answer.

4 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: So, let's say the 120th
5 District, was that analysis performed? Any of
6 those analyses performed?

7 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

8 CHAIRMAN LEEK: No. And the analysis would
9 not be performed on anything other than protected
10 districts.

11 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

12 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you. So how many
13 protected districts has this house identified for
14 the house and for the Senate maps?

15 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

16 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Again, I can answer for the
17 house. The house has 30. I can't answer for the
18 Senate. I'm sure that information is available to
19 you from somebody.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

21 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
22 So just to make sure, none of these analyses were
23 performed outside of the 30 districts that have
24 been identified as protected?

25 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph, that's --

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1 that question has been asked and answered. Do you
2 have an additional question? You're recognized.

3 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you. For the
4 protected districts, restricting it to the 30 that
5 this analysis was performed for, did it show high
6 medium, or low cohesion among Latino voters or
7 Hispanic voters?

8 MR. SPEAKER: Is that on a particular
9 district, Representative Joseph?

10 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Any one of the 30. I
11 don't have the list in front of me. I wish I -- I
12 wish I did, but in the maps, I don't -- let me see
13 here. So --

14 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek, you're
15 recognized.

16 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let
17 me -- let me see if I can help. You know, cohesion
18 is one of the factors in determining, you know,
19 what is a protected district, and cohesion changes
20 district by district, you know, ethnicity by
21 ethnicity. So it's -- it is difficult to answer
22 the question as if it's being asked broadly for the
23 whole map. It is -- what I can tell you is that in
24 some instances, you know, you may have the African-
25 American protected districts, black districts are,

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1 you know, they may be cohesive and able to elect
2 the candidate of their choice with, you know, a 29
3 percent, you know, what -- excuse me -- black
4 voting age population. Hispanics on the other
5 hand, if you look across the maps, usually, you
6 won't see that type of performance occur until you
7 get to about the 65 percent or 70 percent pop --
8 Hispanic voting age population.

9 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

10 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you. For the
11 benefit of the other members of the chamber, I'm
12 looking at page five of 21 of the handout that
13 we've been given of the maps here. I'm assuming
14 this is the 30 districts that we're referring to
15 that are the protected ones. So my question would
16 be, based on your answer, in 2015, the Florida
17 Supreme Court said the evidence before this court
18 suggests a lack of Hispanic voting cohesion in the
19 Miami Dade area, has the houses analysis, confirmed
20 that or contradicted it based on the specific ones
21 that are in Miami Dade County from the 30 protected
22 ones on that page.

23 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

24 CHAIRMAN LEEK: I appreciate the question.

25 It's difficult to give you a precise answer to that

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1 question. All of the districts in front of you,
2 including the Hispanic protected districts are
3 drawn to be legally compliant.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

5 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
6 Has the house considered the diversity within the
7 Latino community when doing the functional analysis
8 that you refer to by outside counsel in the south
9 Florida districts, or any district that's protected
10 and included among the 30 that we have here?

11 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

12 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
13 That's -- that's not part of the data that's given
14 to us -- the census data, or the elections data.

15 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph.

16 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you. So for the
17 highest language minority group being Hispanics in
18 the second highest language minority group in the
19 state of Florida being Haitian Creole. In the
20 past, the last redistricting round that data was
21 included and evaluated in constructing this map
22 these maps was how was that same data included or
23 not included in developing the maps this go around?

24 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

25 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I

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1 believe you're referring to the ACS Data; is that
2 correct?

3 MR. SPEAKER: Yes, you're recognized.

4 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
5 And just for the benefit of the public, can you say
6 what ACS stands for? And I feel like the answer is
7 yes.

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

9 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you. ACS stands for
10 American Community Survey, which previously was
11 used by this house, I will point out that the
12 members of the Democratic caucus challenged the use
13 of that because it was unreliable in the arguments
14 that were there. And I agree, so that data is
15 using 2010 census data. It's also on a rolling
16 five year report, and it doesn't get into the level
17 of specificity that is required to to redistrict.
18 And so in this instance, we're not using it. And
19 you know, I think your side's complaints were well
20 taken before.

21 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Joseph, I'm going
22 to recognize you for one more question, and I'm
23 going to move on to other folks. And if you have
24 additional questions, if we have time at the end, I
25 will cycle back to you. Representative Joseph,

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1 you're recognized.

2 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
3 This is my last question for this round. My only
4 question for you is in making that decision not to
5 rely on a disk round, you say it's because of prior
6 objections. We've had 10 years to come up with an
7 alternative to figure out a way to comply with the
8 Florida Constitution as it relates to language
9 minorities, what if any efforts were made in lieu
10 of the ACS data to take that into account?

11 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

12 CHAIRMAN LEEK: I will stand on my prior
13 answer.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Wilhite.

15 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you Mr.
16 Speaker. I'd like to recognize the member from the
17 63rd District, Representative Driscoll.

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll, you're
19 recognized.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Good evening, Mr.
21 Speaker. Thank you. Hi, Chair Leek. I have some
22 questions about districts down in South Florida,
23 specifically Districts 114, 115, 116, 118, and 119.
24 In looking at the districts in 8013, these
25 districts that I just named are all long, skinny

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1 vertical districts, and they are significantly
2 greater in the length and they are in their width.
3 Do you consider each of those five districts to be
4 compact?

5 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

6 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you. You know,
7 compactness is only one of the tier two standards
8 one of the measures. So it does meet a an
9 acceptable compactness score. But in those
10 specific districts, and I'm going to do this from
11 the general broadest sense that we would have
12 looked at are we keeping counties whole. Can we
13 keep a county whole. Are we keeping cities whole,
14 does it make more sense to use this geographic
15 boundary either this waterway or this this railroad
16 or this road. So compact us would be one of the
17 measures but not the only measure.

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll, you're
19 recognized.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
21 Speaker. Because I had some questions about the
22 compactness scores because it looks like for -- if
23 you look at Riak and Posey Popper, compactness
24 scores, it looks like these districts might be
25 outliers with respect to the rest of the map, and

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1 they may actually have the worst kind of
2 compactness scores. So for example, house district
3 118 has the second worst reax score in the plan.
4 It ranks Number 104 and pulls the popper and it
5 runs over 14 Miles More itself. But it's just 1.7
6 miles at its skinniest point. So do you consider
7 that map compact, and if so why?

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

9 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Let me do what I can here. So
10 you're also have some protected districts. So
11 there's another analysis that goes in that in
12 addition to compactness. So remember, that's a
13 tier one element. So we get to compactness after
14 tier one. So we had to make sure that the
15 protected districts are, you know, continue to
16 perform within reason as they had performed
17 compactness, is it my recollection is that
18 compactness is a score, the greater you get the
19 closer you get to one, the better the score. Wait
20 waiting for a head shake here. The compactness is
21 that I believe the closer you get to one, the
22 better the score. So yes, I would consider those
23 within the legal limits.

24 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

25 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.

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1 Speaker. So then looking at House District 119,
2 the challenge there is that it's over four times
3 longer than it is wide. So House District 119 and
4 actually 114 are tied for the seventh force react
5 score in the plan. Do you consider 119 compacts
6 and if so, why -- 119 And 114 compact and if so,
7 why?

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

9 CHAIRMAN LEEK: The short answer is yes, it is
10 compact within the legal limits and and you're
11 talking about the length of the districts which
12 which is is not a factor in determining whether as
13 legally compliant.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

15 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you. Is
16 length a factor in determining whether or not it's
17 compact?

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

19 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Not
20 technically it would fall under the eyeball test
21 the visual compactness that sometimes we talk about
22 but it's it is it is not technically considered.
23 It's not one of the legal components.

24 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

25 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.

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1 Speaker. House District 115 runs over 15 and a
2 half miles north south, but it's 1.8 miles at its
3 narrowest point. And it has an appendage jetting
4 north of snapper Creek to the Tamiami Trail house
5 to see 115 has a seven worth react score in the
6 plan. It's tied with HD 119. And it ranks number
7 108 on the palsy popper and 109 on that area convex
8 Hall. So do you consider that compact, and if so,
9 why?

10 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

11 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes,
12 it is compact within the legal limits the specifics
13 of why I think that that particular district, we
14 are trying to keep some cities whole than the
15 specifics of that. I'm going to talk slowly here,
16 in hopes that -- that Representative Byrd will be
17 ready to answer this question. So, Mr. Speaker, I
18 would ask that you recognize Representative Byrd.

19 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Byrd, we'll
20 recognize you as soon as you're ready.
21 Representative Leek.

22 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This
23 is probably also a good opportunity to point out
24 this is one of those occasions where it may be
25 useful to go sit with Mr. Langan in the back, and

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1 he can tell you which policy or which decisions
2 were made to why this juts out here and that road
3 was used and it usually came from member input or
4 was the result of trying to keep a city or a county
5 whole. But I'd ask you to recognize Representative
6 Byrd.

7 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

8 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
9 Speaker. So the when you look at districts 114 and
10 115 We're trying to keep the city of Coral Gables
11 whole and that's why that's where the boundary line
12 is.

13 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

14 CHAIRMAN LEEK: The short answer is yes. They
15 are compact and remember, a score closer to one is
16 better.

17 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

18 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
19 Speaker. One additional question about 114.
20 Actually, I guess I have an X about 114. So House
21 District 114 makes number 104 on the area convex
22 hole and number 98 and (indiscernible) Popper.
23 Would you consider that compact, and if so why?

24 MR. SPEAKER: You're recognized,
25 Representative Leek.

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1 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's
2 the same answer.

3 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

4 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, just
5 one moment, because I wanted to double check those
6 scores because I don't think they're quite close to
7 one. So I wanted to make sure that I understood
8 what Chair Leek was saying when he was saying that
9 close to one is, is better.

10 MR. SPEAKER: Do you want to clarify that,
11 Representative Leek.

12 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you. Mr. Speaker.
14 Perhaps I misunderstood your question. I thought
15 you were talking about a score. Are you talking
16 about a ranking?

17 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

18 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Both. Thank you,
19 Mr. Speaker. I'm talking about both in the sense
20 that they're ranked us so low, because their scores
21 are not great. But you were saying closer to one is
22 good. But it looks like a lot of these have scores
23 that are not close to one. So I was just curious
24 clarity why we're saying that if it's close to one,
25 it's better.

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

2 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Yeah, you know, the rankings
3 is something has to be won something has to be last
4 120. So the rankings aren't particularly useful,
5 but I would look at the score. So the score for the
6 particular district you're talking about on the
7 convex hole, I think is a point seven three, which
8 is also an opportunity for me to make the point
9 that the closer you get to one, the better the
10 score. So the answer is yes, they are not only
11 compact but legally compliant.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

13 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
14 Speaker. And so looking at 114 The score on the
15 posi Popper, though is point three, five. So how do
16 you balance that in determining that it's compact?

17 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

18 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There
19 is as we, you know, kind of went through our
20 initial meetings, we, we were trying to educate
21 everybody about these particular ways of measuring
22 compactness. We also said that no one methodology
23 is considered to be better or more appropriate than
24 any other. Right. So pulling out one score, that's
25 not necessarily the better of the of the three

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1 scores is not entirely useful, determining
2 compactness.

3 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

4 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
5 Speaker. I guess the challenge I have with these
6 is that looking at the districts that we've just
7 been talking about, their scores are indicative
8 that they're outliers on the map. And so their
9 shapes are also irregular, such that it indicates
10 that it's not compact. So I'm trying to understand
11 why, if you could explain why you consider these
12 compact if their scores appear to be outliers, and
13 their shapes indicate that they're not compact to
14 the eye test, presumably.

15 (Audio abruptly cuts out.)

16 CHAIRMAN LEEK: So, this would say that the
17 Hispanic protected districts are 46, 43, 47, 111,
18 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, and 119. I
19 believe I got them all.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

21 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
22 Chair. That does add up to 12. I was curious,
23 there's a -- if a minority population can elect
24 candidates of their choice without a majority
25 voting age population, would we have maintained or

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1 created a majority minority district?

2 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

3 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I
4 don't entirely understand your question. I would
5 say we have -- They are in the same number similar
6 to the benchmark maps right with -- with the entire
7 remember the entire discussion about Miami Dade
8 County and then Central Florida. But I think
9 that's the best I can answer your question.

10 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

11 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
12 Chair. I'll try to ask that one better. I mean,
13 Mr. Speaker, I'll try to ask that better, Mr.
14 Chair. So in one of the cases that we saw a decade
15 ago over redistricting, there was a Tallahassee
16 court that ruled that if a minority population can
17 elect candidates of their choice, without a
18 majority voting age population, there is no need to
19 maintain or create a majority minority district.
20 And I guess my question is whether or not in
21 creating the maps that were vote the map that we're
22 voting on today, we had anything like that happen
23 where there might have been a minority population
24 who could elect the candidate of their choice
25 without a majority voting age population?

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

2 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And
3 that does happen. For instance, there is a -- I
4 believe it's a majority minority Hispanic district,
5 117 in South Florida, that actually is a black
6 performing district. So that -- that does happen,
7 and that's why I'm telling you it's a district by
8 district analysis.

9 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

10 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
11 Speaker. So when a situation like that occurred,
12 such as with 117, who made that decision to
13 determine that we would deem it Hispanic access
14 district?

15 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

16 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I
17 don't want us to fall into the trap of -- of
18 confusing population numbers with performance,
19 right. So it's a majority minority Hispanic
20 district. But it is a black performing district.
21 So there's not a decision to be made there. There
22 is the -- the fact of matter is the functional
23 analysis tells us it's a black performing district.

24 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

25 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.

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1 Chair. Were there any other districts like 117
2 with that situation that we're talking about?

3 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Leek.

4 CHAIRMAN LEEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes,
5 district 103. I'm sorry, 109.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Driscoll.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you. So it
8 sounds like so districts 109 and 117, were -- were
9 you saying the district 109 also was black
10 performing? Yes.

11 MR. SPEAKER: Yes. Representative Driscoll.

12 REPRESENTATIVE DRISCOLL: Thank you, Mr.
13 Speaker. So it's my understanding that --
14 actually, I think that might be on the questions.
15 I think there might be.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Okay. Representative Wilhite.

17 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you, Mr.
18 Speaker. At this time, I yield back the remaining
19 balance of our time.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Members, having yield back the
21 balance their time, are there amendments to the
22 amendment.

23 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

24 MR. SPEAKER: Are there substitute amendments?

25 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

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1 MR. SPEAKER: Members, we are now going to
2 vote on the amendment. All in favor of adoption of
3 the amendment say Aye. All oppose no. Show the
4 amendment is adopted. Roll the bill over to third
5 reading, read the next bill.

6 THE CLERK: By Representative Davis and others
7 House Bill 159, the bill is to be entitled An act
8 Relating to Public Records.

9 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Davis, you're
10 recognized to explain your bill.

11 RD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Onto a lighter
12 note. Currently, the law exempts from public
13 record, the street address and telephone numbers of
14 winners unless they consent to the release of such
15 information. House Bill 159 would allow a lottery
16 winner of \$250,000 or more to remain anonymous for
17 a time limit of 90 days unless they wish to release
18 their name. After 90 days, the winner's name would
19 no longer be confidential or exempt. That is the
20 bill, Mr. Speaker.

21 MR. SPEAKER: Other questions that sponsor,
22 are there questions? Seeing none. Are there
23 amendments?

24 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

25 MR. SPEAKER: Show the bill rolled over to

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1 third reading. Read the next bill.

2 THE CLERK: By government operations and
3 subcommittee and Representative Rizzo, House Bill
4 7005, a bill to be entitled An Act Relating to
5 Review Under The Open Government Sunset Review Act.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Rizzo, you're
7 recognized for a motion.

8 REPRESENTATIVE RIZZO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
9 Mr. Speaker, I move that SB7002, a companion
10 measure, to be substituted for HB7005. And that
11 the Senate bill be read a second time by title.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Rizzo moves that
13 Senate Bill 7002 be substituted for House Bill
14 7005. And the Senate bill be read a second time by
15 title. All in favor say Aye. All opposed no.
16 Show the motion's adopted. Read the Senate bill
17 second time by title.

18 THE CLERK: By health policies Senate Bill
19 7002, a bill to be entitled An Act Relating to
20 Review Under The Open Government Sunset Review Act.

21 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Rizzo, you're
22 recognized to explain the senate bill.

23 REPRESENTATIVE RIZZO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
24 This bill saves from appeal to public record
25 exemption for certain information held by the

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1 Department of Health concerning patients, care
2 givers and physicians related to the medical
3 marijuana use registry. And that is the bill, sir.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Are there questions of the
5 sponsor? Other questions? Seeing none, are there
6 amendments?

7 THE CLERK: On the desk, Mr. Speaker.

8 MR. SPEAKER: Pick up the first amendment.

9 THE CLERK: Representative Rizzo offered the
10 following strike all and then with title and then
11 barcode 447527 remove everything after the enacting
12 clause and insert an amendment.

13 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Rizzo, you're
14 recognized to explain the amendment.

15 REPRESENTATIVE RIZZO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
16 Members, the amendment conforms the Senate bill to
17 the House bill by specifying that the Department of
18 Health is the custodian of the records by removing
19 language that could permit the department to
20 protect additional information at its discretion
21 and removing redundant language.

22 MR. SPEAKER: Are there questions on the
23 amendment? Are there questions of the amendment?
24 Representative C. Smith, you're recognized.

25 REPRESENTATIVE SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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1 Thank you, Representative Rizzo. I know this is a
2 records exemption related to the medical marijuana
3 registry. So under this amendment, and the
4 underlying bill, if we continue the records
5 exemption, our members of the public good to know
6 whether or not I am a registered patient under the
7 medical cannabis registry or won't they?

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Rizzo, you're
9 recognized.

10 REPRESENTATIVE RIZZO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
11 It is my understanding that patients may not be
12 exempt but other information may be exempt.

13 MR. SPEAKER: Additional questions?
14 Representative Wilhite, questions.

15 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you, Mr.
16 Speaker. Representative, it's my understanding
17 that even if you are a patient, by classifying you
18 as a patient, you will now fall under HIPAA. So
19 how would any of that information be available to
20 the general public?

21 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Rizzo, you're
22 recognized.

23 REPRESENTATIVE RIZZO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
24 Representative, thank you for that question. And
25 you are correct, sir. Anything that is -- that

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1 does qualify under HIPAA, is exempt.

2 MR. SPEAKER: Any additional questions,
3 members? Seeing none, are there amendments to the
4 amendment?

5 THE CLERK: None on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Are there substitute amendments?

7 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

8 MR. SPEAKER: All in favor of adoption of the
9 amendment, members, say Aye. All Oppose no. Show
10 the amendment is adopted. Roll the bill over to
11 third reading. Read the next bill.

12 THE CLERK: By government operations
13 subcommittee and Representative Fetterhoff, House
14 Bill 7007, a bill to be entitled An act Relating to
15 Review Under The Open Government Sunset Review Act.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Fetterhoff,
17 you're recognized for a motion.

18 REPRESENTATIVE FETTERHOFF: Mr. Speaker, I
19 move that Senate Bill 7000, a companion measure be
20 substituted for House Bill 7007. And that the
21 Senate bill be read a second time by title.

22 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Fetterhoff moves
23 that Senate Bill 7000 be substituted for House Bill
24 7007. And the Senate bill be read a second time by
25 title. All in favor say Aye. All opposed no.

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1 Show the motion is adopted. Read the Senate bill a
2 second time by title.

3 THE CLERK: by health policy is Senate Bill
4 7000, A bill to be entitled An Act Relating to
5 Review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Fetterhoff,
7 you're recognized to explain the senate bill.

8 REPRESENTATIVE FETTERHOFF: Thank you. The
9 Senate bill saves from repeal the public record
10 exemption for certain information that may be
11 collected by the Department of Health when issuing
12 a non-viable birth certificate and that is the
13 bill.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Question of the sponsor? Any
15 question the sponsor? Seeing none, are there
16 amendments?

17 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

18 MR. SPEAKER: I'm sorry, are there amendments?

19 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

20 MR. SPEAKER: Are there amendments to the
21 amendment?

22 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

23 MR. SPEAKER: Show the bill roll over to third
24 reading. Read the next bill.

25 THE CLERK: By government operations

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1 subcommittee and Representative Shoaf, House Bill
2 7009, a bill to be entitled An Act Relating to
3 Review Under the Open Government Sunset Review Act.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Shoaf, you're
5 recognized to explain the bill.

6 REPRESENTATIVE SHOAF: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
7 This bill saves from repeal the public records
8 exemption for the protected health information of
9 an inmate or offender held by the Department of
10 Corrections. And that is the bill.

11 MR. SPEAKER: Are there questions of the
12 sponsor? Questions of the sponsor? Seeing none,
13 are there amendments?

14 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

15 MR. SPEAKER: Where's the question?
16 Representative Henson, got to be quick grabbing
17 that microphone. Representative Henson, you're
18 recognized for your question.

19 REPRESENTATIVE HENSON: Thank you, Mr.
20 Speaker. I have reason to concern myself about not
21 being able to review the medical records of some of
22 the inmates in the prisons in my district. I have
23 gone into them. I know there are medical problems.
24 I know that unless I call them to the attention of
25 the warden. They are not resolved. So I guess my

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1 question is, would I be able to discern or get
2 information about the medical condition of the
3 patients if they had a concern?

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Shoaf, you're
5 recognized?

6 RS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you
7 for the question. This bill is dealing mainly with
8 HIV and protecting that information and know that
9 information would not be available to you as a
10 lawmaker unless that person that individual chose
11 to let you have access to their private health
12 information.

13 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Henson, follow up
14 question?

15 REPRESENTATIVE HENSON: Yes. So are we only
16 talking about HIV patients, or are we talking about
17 all patients? And if they relinquish that
18 information to me, even if it's an HIV patient, am
19 I at privilege to get resolved for them?

20 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Shoaf.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SHOAF: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
22 I can I will go into explaining a little bit about
23 HIPAA and how this bill will affect that. So HIPAA
24 sets the national standards for the use and
25 disclosure of individuals health information, also

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1 known as PHR, or protected health information. One
2 of the main purposes is to protect PHR from
3 disclosure without the patient's consent or
4 knowledge. However, HIPAA does allow the
5 disclosure of PHI, under certain exceptions when
6 applicable to health and safety. These exceptions
7 specifically include correctional facilities, this
8 bill is targeting that to make sure that those
9 people that are incarcerated enjoy the same privacy
10 of their health records as you and I do.

11 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Hanson.

12 REPRESENTATIVE HENSON: Thank you, Mr.
13 Speaker.

14 MR. SPEAKER: I think (indiscernible) prepared
15 to multitask, Representative Henson.

16 RH: Oh, is that what's happening? I thought
17 maybe he was getting more research.

18 MR. SPEAKER: He's just talented. You're
19 recognized.

20 RH: I'm trying to make sure my concern is --
21 is not one that you are having us vote on right
22 now. Are you saying that if an incarcerated person
23 share their medical record -- you were getting more
24 history. Okay. Good. Okay. So, I'm trying to
25 make sure that if an incarcerated person shared

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1 their medical record with me, in order for me to
2 help resolve their issues, is that going to be
3 exempted by this bill?

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Henson, I'm not
5 sure I understood that question. Would you maybe
6 clarify for me?

7 RH: So -- yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If
8 an incarcerated person shared their medical history
9 with me, and the concerns they had about not
10 getting medical care if I would be able to file an
11 investigation, seek resolution, will this bill
12 exempt me from doing that?

13 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Shoaf, you're
14 recognized.

15 REPRESENTATIVE SHOAF: No.

16 MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Representative
17 Hansen. Additional questions of the sponsor?
18 Additional questions? All right, seeing none are
19 there amendments?

20 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

21 MR. SPEAKER: Show the bill roll over to third
22 reading. Read the next bill.

23 THE CLERK: Like government operations
24 subcommittee and Representative Fabrisio, House
25 Bill 7013, a bill to be entitled An Act Relating to

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1 Review Under the Open Government Sunset Review Act.

2 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Fabrisio, you're
3 recognized for a motion.

4 REPRESENTATIVE FABRISIO: Mr. Speaker, I move
5 that SB7018, a companion measure, be substituted
6 for HB713, and that the Senate bill be read a
7 second time by title.

8 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Fabrisio moves
9 that Senate Bill 7018 be substituted for House Bill
10 7013. And that the Senate bill be read a second
11 time by title. All in favor say Aye. All opposed
12 no. Show the motion's adopted. Read the Senate
13 bill A second time by title.

14 THE CLERK: By (indiscernible) insurance,
15 Senate Bill 7018, a bill to be entitled An Act
16 Relating to Review Under the Open Government Sunset
17 Review Act.

18 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Fabrisio, you're
19 recognized to explain the Senate Bill.

20 REPRESENTATIVE FABRISIO: Thank you, Mr.
21 Speaker. Members, the bill saves from repeal a
22 public record exemption for the personal
23 identifying information of an injured or deceased
24 employee contained in public in records submitted
25 to and held by the Department of Financial Services

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1 pursuant to the workers compensation law.

2 MR. SPEAKER: Are there questions of the
3 sponsor? Are there questions with the sponsor?
4 Seeing none, are there amendments?

5 THE CLERK: Not on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Show the bill rolled over to
7 third reading. Read the next bill.

8 THE CLERK: None on the desk, Mr. Speaker.

9 MR. SPEAKER: All right. Members, we're in
10 announcements. Representative -- Representative
11 Grieco, I want everyone to know, we realize there's
12 a prop and that we're violating house rules. But
13 let's be honest, Representative Wilhite and Grieco
14 need this. So, Representative Grieco, you're
15 recognized.

16 REPRESENTATIVE GRIECO: Thank you, Mr.
17 Speaker. And I -- we made exceptions for the
18 Stanley Cup and for the Lombardi trophy. So we had
19 to do one more. So thank you. I wanted to talk a
20 little bit about the year 1997. That was the year
21 that Titanic movie was released.

22 MR. SPEAKER: Your time -- your time has
23 expired. Thank you, Representative Grieco. No,
24 you're recognized.

25 REPRESENTATIVE GRIECO: The number one song

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1 was Candle In The Wind. And Representative Daly
2 was seven years old. And that was the last time
3 that the Democrats had won the softball game up
4 until this year. So reminding everybody that with
5 a score of 14 to two, that would qualify, according
6 to Lore, as the most dominating pitching
7 performance in the history of the Republican
8 Democrat softball game. So I'm going to leave it
9 at this. You may take our bills. You may take our
10 appropriations, but you will never take this away
11 from us.

12 MR. SPEAKER: No chance Representative
13 (indiscernible). I would just like it noted for
14 the record, you know, since Chris Lavelle was there
15 we had some members out. Apparently there's been a
16 flag on the play that Representative Campbell
17 played last night before he was sworn in as a
18 member of the Florida House. So there's an issue
19 but I want you guys to know we have a way to
20 rectify it. I have offered to Representative
21 Wilhite and Representative Grieco a rematch. But
22 in fairness to them -- in fairness to them, I
23 offered a if you win again a plaque, and I will
24 cater lunch for the Democratic office if you beat
25 us fair and square. Because you deserve a little

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1 something if lightning strikes twice, but we'll let
2 you guys think about it. Representative Wilhite,
3 if you want to take me up on my offer, I'll be
4 prepared to play myself, and we will be victorious.
5 Representative Wilhite, you're recognized.

6 REPRESENTATIVE WILHITE: Thank you -- Thank
7 you, Mr. Speaker. I did want to present the
8 winning game ball to the minority leader and -- and
9 let him decide and make the decision for us. You
10 know, obviously, we can ever take this away from us
11 and it will be on there, but he'll decide whether
12 there'll be a rematch, but I look forward to it,
13 please.

14 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Jenny, you're
15 recognized.

16 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
17 It was a sincere honor to strike some of you out
18 those weak grounders just lit up my heart. But as
19 far as the speaker had a question for us to be fair
20 and square, sir, we dominated fair and square,
21 there is no fair. But I will say this, I will take
22 you out to eat lunch, just for you being kind
23 enough to let us bring this absolute monstrosity
24 out here in the form of a prop. And really, I just
25 want to thank my team more than anything. But in

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1 order because I know Coach Latvalle would say this,
2 my career record is now one in 11. So I won't be -
3 - I won't be spending too much time grandstanding
4 on this one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These games
5 have always meant a lot to all of us. It's just a
6 great time for camaraderie, for friendships to
7 build and bond. And it's been a real pleasure
8 playing in these games with all you folks and all
9 your predecessors through the years. I just never
10 thought we were going to win. So, I don't have
11 much to say so thank you, sir.

12 MR. SPEAKER: Congratulations. Representative
13 Jenny, I was a little confused. Are you accepting
14 the Double or Nothing challenge or not accepting
15 the Double or Nothing challenge?

16 REPRESENTATIVE JENNY: Mr. Speaker, I -- I
17 think that the maps were rushed enough. Give us
18 some time to think about it first. Oh, I'm
19 horrible. I'm horrible. I'm horrible. I'm
20 despicable. I apologize.

21 MR. SPEAKER: We'll ask you again tomorrow,
22 Representative Jenny. Give you a day to think
23 about it. Additional announcements, Members.
24 Additional announcements. Representative Perez,
25 announcement.

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1 REPRESENTATIVE PEREZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
2 I wanted to wish happy birthday to our very own
3 Southern gentleman, Chuck Brandon.

4 MR. SPEAKER: Representative Brandon. Happy
5 Birthday. Additional announcements, members?
6 Additional announcements. Representative Nixon, in
7 announcements.

8 REPRESENTATIVE NIXON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
9 I would be remissed, if I didn't bring some of the
10 reps up right now. It's particularly during the
11 month of February. Yes, it is my birth month.
12 However, I just wanted to acknowledge, you know, in
13 light of a lot of stuff that's going on in the
14 nation. But I just really wanted to be gathered
15 around members of the Black Caucus because it is
16 Black History Month. We are resilient people, even
17 though we have faced some very hurtful and
18 disparaging and just bad things, right. But I
19 would love it and appreciate it if all of my
20 colleagues could stand up and just you know, clap
21 and -- and acknowledge the plight of black people
22 here in this country. Because -- I'm sorry, I'm
23 getting emotional. I'm getting emotional. It's
24 okay. It's okay. But not only to acknowledge the
25 plight of black folks, but also to acknowledge our

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1 achievements and that how we are resilient people.
2 And so black history is not just black history is
3 American history. So I think in light of that we
4 all should stand up and clap and recognize and
5 celebrate the wonderful day of black history month
6 rather.

7 MR. SPEAKER: Additional announcements,
8 members? Additional announcements. Representative
9 Fisher, announcements.

10 REPRESENTATIVE FISHER: Thank you, Mr.
11 Speaker. Members, while we're here in Tallahassee,
12 we oftentimes miss special events with our family.
13 So I did want to acknowledge my mom's birthday
14 today. She would kill me if I told you the age,
15 but it always stinks to miss out on birthdays back
16 home. So, happy birthday, Mom. I love you. Look
17 forward to seeing everybody this weekend.

18 MR. SPEAKER: Happy 29th Birthday, Mrs.
19 Fisher. Representative Overdorff.

20 REPRESENTATIVE OVERDORFF: Members, thank you
21 and just wanted to correct a small oversight.
22 We've had a couple of zero birthdays and I think it
23 deserves a special -- special announcement here.
24 On January 11th, a roommate of mine had a zero
25 birthday. It is number 50 for Colonel Tommy

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1 Gregory. So he is now 50 years old. And a minor -
2 - a minor other area there. Today, also Clark
3 Gable was born and the Oxford English Dictionary
4 was actually established thus helping us all
5 understand the now 60-year-old Chuck Brandon.

6 MR. SPEAKER: Additional announcements,
7 members? Seeing none. Representative Brannen,
8 you're recognized for a motion.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BRANNEN: Mr. Speaker, I move
10 that the house after receiving reports adjourn for
11 the purpose of holding committee subcommittee
12 meetings and conducting other house business to
13 reconvene tomorrow February 2nd at 2:30 p.m. are
14 upon the call of the Chair.

15 MR. SPEAKER: All in favor say Aye. All
16 opposed no. Show the motion is adopted. The house
17 is adjourned.

18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was
19 concluded at 2:30 p.m.)

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