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2 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Get this turned on.

3 Thank you everybody that came. Thank you
4 to those folks joining us online. We are the House
5 Democratic Office. My name is Evan Jenne. I am the
6 House Democratic Leader. Joining me today is our --

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Recording in
8 progress.

9 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: -- oh, there we go
10 -- our Policy Chair, Representative Fentrice
11 Driskell, our Ranking Member on full Redistricting,
12 Representative Joe Geller, Representative Dan Daley,
13 who is our Ranking Member on the State
14 Redistricting, and Representative Kelly Skidmore,
15 who is our Ranking Member on Congressional
16 Redistricting.

17 What we saw today, for lack of a better
18 term, was a song and dance trying to avoid any and
19 every question that was asked specifically. That
20 may be a tactic that works right now, but I have a
21 feeling people in the federal courts will probably
22 have a little bit of a different view once that tap
23 dancing occurs in their courtroom.

24 What we saw today was, quite frankly, not
25 what we expected, but at the same time, their

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1 refusal to answer any questions, specific questions,
2 really, I think, goes to show that we really don't
3 know what happened and where these maps were
4 crafted, how they were crafted, and whom they were
5 crafted by.

6 We will take some questions, but I do want
7 to let these four individuals have some time at the
8 microphone. We'll start off with our Policy Chair,
9 Representative Fentrice Driskell.

10 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Thank you, Mr. --
11 I was going to call you, Mr. Speaker.

12 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Not yet.

13 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Yeah. Thank you,
14 Leader Jenne. And, again, thank you for joining us.

15 So, you know, we did what we could as a
16 caucus to try and hold the majority accountable with
17 respect to how these maps were drawn, and as you
18 heard, there was a lot of data that they were
19 unwilling to share.

20 This is the first time that I can think of
21 where we had a situation where we were asking
22 questions about a bill and we were asking process
23 questions about how we arrived at that bill and we
24 weren't able to get the answers, questions that we
25 thought were highly relevant in terms of the data

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1 that was used and the policy judgments that were
2 made. Right out of the gate, those questions were
3 shut down.

4 Now, keep in mind that this is the first
5 time that the full Florida House has had an
6 opportunity to consider these maps. Yes. We have,
7 you know, the Committees, and arguably, people could
8 have tried to attend the Committee hearings. But
9 the way that schedules work around here, that makes
10 it very difficult.

11 Also, it's not like there was a lot of time
12 given between the time that the maps would be
13 dropped and that they would be heard in Committee.
14 And similarly, we just passed them out of full
15 redistricting last week, and now we have them on the
16 floor.

17 So given that we're talking about a process
18 that happens once every decade, you would think that
19 we would want to get it right. You would think that
20 we'd want to be forthright with the information and
21 make sure that the public has that, especially given
22 that we weren't able to do the road show that
23 typically happens around the state.

24 But that's not what we got today. We were
25 shut down by a lot of the procedural questions,

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1 which kind of makes it difficult, you know, to build
2 that record that we need to make sure that these
3 maps are well vetted.

4 It also was very interesting that we had
5 that -- the Senate joint resolution come over, and
6 we weren't able to really ask questions about that.
7 It was our understanding today that we would be
8 allowed to ask questions, and I know that very early
9 on I tried to ask a couple of questions about the
10 Senate maps and promptly was told, well, if you
11 wanted that information, you know, your colleagues
12 in the Senate should have asked those questions.

13 I cannot think of another time where we
14 would have taken up a bill that came over from the
15 Senate and not be allowed to ask substantive
16 questions about it. So that was something else that
17 was glaring to me.

18 But with that, I'd like to turn it over to
19 our Redistricting Ranking Member, Representative Joe
20 Geller.

21 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Thank you, Leader
22 Jenne and thank you Leader Designate Driskell.

23 I'm Rep. Joe Geller from Southeast Florida.
24 Today, we had a lot of questions, but they didn't
25 have a lot of answers. And I don't know why. What

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1 are they refusing to give us answers about? Why
2 can't we find out these basic questions? Today, for
3 the first time, I heard, oh, that was done by
4 counsel. They wouldn't even answer questions about
5 whether there was any counsel other than one firm
6 they identified, and basically, they said, well,
7 counsel did something. We don't really know what
8 they did, but we think it was fine. So just accept
9 it.

10 It's kind of like what happened with the
11 Senate maps. I know I asked, how do we know that
12 what the Senate sent us is constitutional, and it
13 was kind of the same answer we keep getting. Oh,
14 just trust us. They haven't given us the analysis.
15 They haven't answered questions about the process.
16 They haven't shown us these functional analyses they
17 say that they performed.

18 The people of Florida have a right to have
19 these questions answered. The people of Florida
20 have a right to know how this process came about and
21 to say you can't ask about the process, just do you
22 like the map in front of you or not but we won't
23 tell you how we got to it, that's not right. That
24 was not a great day for the Florida House. Thank
25 you.

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1 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: And next up, we will
2 hear from the Ranking Member on the State
3 Redistricting Committee, Representative Dan Daley.

4 REPRESENTATIVE DALEY: Well, thank you,
5 Leader.

6 And I think my two kind of glaring
7 takeaways not only from today but, candidly, this
8 entire process, the first relates to transparency.
9 First and foremost, we've talked about it for months
10 now but the lack of transparency when it comes to
11 the public. You had no real public input process.
12 You had an online form submission that amounted to
13 nothing more than a very transparent trash can that
14 I don't think anybody really looked at and took into
15 consideration.

16 Transparency for the individual members of
17 the House, who, although the majority will claim
18 this was an open and transparent process, it really
19 wasn't. You saw a lot of that today in the
20 questions that weren't answered, in the questions --
21 in the nonanswers that were provided to the
22 questions.

23 And secondly is a seat at the table. You
24 heard today that we've all joined together to make
25 these policy decisions. That couldn't be further

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1 from the truth, and actually, that's one of the
2 points I raised during one of our first State
3 Redistricting Committee meetings was, well, when are
4 we going to talk about prison gerrymandering? When
5 are we going to talk about communities of interest?
6 When are we going to talk about the different
7 priorities that we can hone in on as part of this
8 analysis once you've completed the Tier 1 and Tier 2
9 analysis? And I was told at that time that, you
10 know, once we have an actual map, we'll have those -
11 - you know, we'll be able to make those policy
12 decisions.

13 Well, lo and behold, three, four weeks
14 later, we had maps, and I don't know about you. I
15 wasn't consulted about any policy decisions and nor
16 was any other member of the Democratic Party.

17 And so to have them up there now talking
18 about how this has been an open, inclusive process,
19 that's -- there's really nothing further from the
20 truth.

21 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Next and finally, we
22 will hear from Representative Kelly Skidmore, our
23 Ranking Member on Congressional Redistricting
24 Subcommittee.

25 REPRESENTATIVE SKIDMORE: Thank you. Good

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1 evening and thanks for being here.

2 I echo the sentiments of my colleagues and
3 raise a concern about what we can expect going
4 forward. For the second week in a row, our
5 Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee has been
6 cancelled because of the Governor's interference. I
7 think that that should raise alarms for everyone in
8 the state of Florida, not just the folks here in the
9 Democratic caucus.

10 Representative Daley and I had a very
11 similar experience in our Committees. We were not
12 allowed to ask questions on the workshop maps
13 because they weren't real maps, and when the real
14 maps came, we were told that we had been part of the
15 policy decisions that created those maps. And
16 nothing could be further from the truth.

17 We still don't have congressional maps in
18 the Congressional Redistricting Committee, and I
19 don't know when we might get them. And, you know,
20 when you ask the Chair, the Chair doesn't
21 necessarily know what's happening either because it
22 feels like all of that is being conducted from a
23 different level of this building.

24 So it raises a lot of concerns for me as we
25 move forward in this process on what we're -- how

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1 we're going to be able to get answers to our
2 questions on the congressional maps as well.

3 Thank you, Leader.

4 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Thank you.

5 At this point, we're going to go ahead and
6 open it up to any questions that you and the press
7 may have. We'll be here. I know some of our
8 members have some place they need to get in 15
9 minutes. So we should have plenty of time.

10 But please, anyone assembled, if there's
11 someone -- I see Andrew has his hand up there -- in
12 there room, I will give Maryellen (phonetic) the
13 first crack at it, since she put her physical hand
14 up and not her Zoom room hand up.

15 MARYELLEN: I appreciate that. I just
16 wanted to say it's one thing to raise all these
17 points, but you didn't present any maps. You didn't
18 offer any alternatives, and if this does end up in a
19 legal challenge, what will you have to defend
20 yourself?

21 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Well, we won't be
22 the ones that are defending ourselves. They'll be
23 defending that map. We won't be defending
24 ourselves, quite frankly.

25 MARYELLEN: Okay.

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1 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: But given that fact
2 that you said, why didn't you, you know, put an
3 amendment up, number one, we were never given all
4 the information we would need to make sure that we
5 were given -- made a constitutional map. We had no
6 access whatsoever to important data. Where are
7 Haitian Americans living? Where are Latino
8 Americans living? Where are African Americans
9 living? We weren't given all of that baseline data
10 that we would really need. But I am going to step
11 to the side so that one of -- which one of you guys
12 would like to take this one?

13 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: I'll take your
14 question.

15 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Oh, please. And
16 we'll hear from a Ranking Member as well.

17 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: The House has a
18 duty to produce a constitutionally compliant map.
19 They either did or they didn't. Everyone who
20 observes the process here knows that whether we had
21 put forward a map or not, it wasn't passing. It's
22 not like there's an overwhelming rush to pass
23 anything that we introduce, but the bottom line is
24 what Leader Jenne said. We would not have put
25 forward something that we couldn't be sure was

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1 constitutionally compliant.

2 The issue of Creole language minority is a
3 huge issue. It was completely unaddressed. They
4 said, oh, we couldn't really do anything about it.
5 We would have loved to have been able to introduce
6 something on that, but we had to have the data. We
7 had to have cooperation from the staff. They hired
8 counsel. They didn't arrange for us to also have
9 counsel. That wasn't done.

10 So the bottom line is that they presented
11 what they want to present, and we asked the
12 questions that needed to be asked about what they
13 presented. And, frankly, the purpose of that wasn't
14 -- sometimes these things don't go anywhere. We ask
15 questions. They're not answered.

16 But these things are going -- this one has
17 to go to the Court for review. There's likely to be
18 subsequent litigation. These questions on the
19 record and their refusal to answer I think will loom
20 large in subsequent litigation.

21 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Yeah. And one other
22 thing I would like to add, Maryellen, to that
23 question is 10 years ago when two-thirds of the maps
24 were thrown out, the Congressional and the Senate
25 maps were tossed as being unconstitutional,

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1 Democrats didn't put an amendment up there, and it
2 went pretty well. And, quite frankly, the House
3 maps at that time in my opinion probably should have
4 been tossed as well, but the plaintiff's, quite
5 frankly, ran out of money because they had already
6 spent nearly \$20 million. And those groups had no
7 more cash left to spend.

8 So last time you look historically, there
9 was one amendment. It was a House amendment on a
10 Senate map, and literally everyone, including the
11 sponsor, voted against it because the House map --
12 or the Senate map was so bad. The reason why I know
13 that is I was the one that filed that amendment 10
14 years ago.

15 But that being the case, it didn't
16 interfere with how this rolled through the Courts
17 last time, and ultimately, the Fair Districts group
18 were the ones that drew a lot of these maps.

19 So yeah. We have -- we were under no
20 illusion that any -- any map that we put up was
21 going to be summarily dismissed via a vote, and we
22 knew that. So really ultimately, they have to
23 defend that map. That is the map that they put
24 forward, and we believe that they are going to have
25 a very, very difficult time when they have to answer

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1 the question. And they don't have someone sitting
2 in the rostrum to say you don't have to answer that
3 because that's not going to be the case in about 12
4 to 15 months from now.

5 Andrew and then Jacob.

6 ANDREW: So today, you asked a lot of
7 specific questions about getting into --
8 compactness, getting into geographic boundaries.
9 These were questions that weren't being asked during
10 Committee meetings, and so I'm curious. Why wait
11 until floor session to get into the nitty-gritty on
12 some of these districts and asking these Fair
13 District standard type questions?

14 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Do you want to
15 answer that? Go for it.

16 Representative Dan Daley is going to answer
17 that question for you, Andrew.

18 REPRESENTATIVE DALEY: So thank you,
19 Andrew, for the question. And I know you've been
20 following along quite intently based on your Twitter
21 feed in all of our Committee meetings as well, and I
22 do think we did ask a number of those questions.

23 Now, granted, we were focused on other
24 elements as well and only given a limited time to do
25 so. Keep in mind, in our Committee hearing at

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1 least, what did we have, two days, right, to
2 actually assess everything and dig down deep, and,
3 you know, that's a heck of an undertaking. And so
4 we did the best we could with the time we had, but
5 that's always been the playbook, right. You've seen
6 any of these maps. They get launched at the last
7 second and then brought onto the, you know, on the
8 calendar for consideration, so not giving us a heck
9 of a lot of time to really drill down on those
10 things.

11 We've had a little bit more time, and,
12 candidly, we could focus solely on the House maps
13 this time waiting in preparation for the floor.
14 Seeing as, you know, the Congressional Committee
15 continues to get cancelled and Senate maps have just
16 kind of been thrown over, right, we were finally
17 able to really kind of hone in. So that's probably
18 part of the difference that you saw.

19 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Yeah. And one other
20 thing you have to remember, when the House maps were
21 this iteration, the maps we'll be voting on
22 tomorrow, when they first came out, that was three
23 days before its Committee, three days. It has only
24 been nine days at this point since those bills were
25 actually introduced and when that map was

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1 introduced.

2 So, look, there are going to be more
3 questions once we have more time to digest
4 everything that's in that map. Quite frankly,
5 probably, it's still rushed at this point when we're
6 looking at a 10-day-old map being voted on, because
7 I'll remind everybody, they created this map and put
8 it out there 10 days ago.

9 We've had 10 years to get these maps out,
10 10 years to prepare for this, and to only give 10
11 days before a final vote on the floor, look, I've
12 been here long enough. That's the stuff you do when
13 you don't want a lot of questions asked, and you
14 don't want to give people the opportunity to really
15 understand down to the very DNA of what is in a
16 bill. And I think that's partially the tactics that
17 we're seeing right now.

18 ANDREW: And if I could add a follow-up
19 before --

20 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Please. Yeah.
21 Please, Andrew, go ahead, and then we'll get to
22 Jacob right after you.

23 ANDREW: Well, I mean, first, a lot of the
24 districts you were diving into did not change from
25 the version prior to the one that came out 10 days

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1 ago, especially looking at data, a lot of those
2 vertical, long, skinny districts.

3 But also when you're asking the questions,
4 it seems like there was a lot of misunderstanding
5 back and forth, which happens without having those
6 alternative proposals to point to, to be able to ask
7 about, going back to Maryellen's question, being
8 able to say why would you do this versus this?

9 I think about Jacksonville, where I'm at,
10 asking the questions about crossing the St. Johns
11 River and showing, I guess, not having the
12 alternative proposal to show you can reach similar
13 black percentages without crossing the river or only
14 having one crossing.

15 Did this factor in as you were making the
16 decision on whether to submit alternatives, which
17 your colleagues in the Senate were doing, and
18 whether or not to, even if they're not adopted --

19 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Sure.

20 ANDREW: -- in terms of building that
21 record with questions?

22 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Okay. Rep. Driskell
23 is going to answer that one.

24 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Thank you.

25 Thanks for the questions, you know. It was

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1 important to drill down on those districts once we
2 had additional opportunity to evaluate them, you
3 know, talk to the members who live in those areas,
4 and try to get clarity on what those -- the shape of
5 those districts, how those new lines are impacting
6 those districts.

7 I would say that it's quite possible to
8 point out comparisons and contrasts with questions.
9 I know we're getting asked a lot of questions about
10 alternative maps, but that was not the strategy. I
11 think Leader Jenne articulated it quite beautifully
12 and quite firmly that that was not our strategy.

13 I don't think, looking at what we saw 10
14 years ago, that introducing alternative maps, the
15 members who did that, it didn't go so well. And I
16 just have to reiterate what Rep. Geller said, which
17 is you have to have data and information to
18 understand whether or not you're drawing a
19 constitutional map, and we did not have that data.
20 That three -- you know, we just didn't have the
21 data.

22 And when we even asked for additional data
23 to be looked at and included, like the American
24 Community Survey, we were told no, no, no. That's
25 too old. We can't look at that, but we were never

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1 actually given that data to evaluate it ourselves
2 and think about how we could use that.

3 So no. The point was not to introduce
4 alternate maps. The point was to draw comparisons
5 and contrasts with questions and try to build a
6 record and make them defend their map.

7 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Okay. Jacob, you've
8 been waiting patiently. You're up, sir.

9 JACOB: Well, I wanted to ask you whether
10 you think there was in any way a political targeting
11 going on with the maps. I'm specifically thinking
12 this hit one in five incumbents who are seeking
13 reelection, including one of the Ranking Members
14 that you have on stage there.

15 Can you tell me if you believe that they
16 were intentionally making it more difficult for
17 certain Democratic voices to be reelected to the
18 Florida House?

19 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Honestly, Jacob,
20 that is a great question, but I honestly do not know
21 because we have not done any political overlay. I
22 have -- myself intentionally have not been talking
23 to members. I don't know where my members live
24 within their individual districts that they
25 represent. We have steered completely away with

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1 that -- away from that in large part due to the Fair
2 Districts Amendment that says specifically you can't
3 draw a district to help or hinder any one individual
4 person. So we have stayed completely away from that
5 type of data.

6 Now that the bill is on its way to passing
7 out, I fully expect that it will pass out tomorrow
8 afternoon off the floor, then we'll start looking
9 into some of that. But we specifically stayed away
10 from looking at that type of data because we do not
11 want to run afoul of the Constitution in any way,
12 shape, or form.

13 JACOB: Looking at what the Governor is
14 talking about considering with the Congressional map
15 and switching things around with minority districts
16 in Jacksonville, North Florida, how likely do you
17 all think it would be that there could be a
18 performing minority district for Congress centered
19 around Jacksonville only?

20 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Sure. Well, I'll
21 let my Congressional Ranking member speak to that
22 directly.

23 REPRESENTATIVE SKIDMORE: We might be able
24 to answer that question if we had a map to evaluate.
25 So what we know the Constitution requires is that we

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1 can't have less than what we started with, and with
2 the state map, we know that in 10 years, with this
3 huge growth in black and brown populations, no
4 additional district was actually drawn.

5 Now, you can argue the point there were 12,
6 and then there were 11. And we added one, and it's
7 12. Twelve is twelve. Thirty is thirty. And so
8 there's not an expectation on my end that those
9 districts are necessarily going to be protected,
10 especially with the interference of the Governor.

11 The Governor is in communication with
12 leadership here and asking them to cancel meetings.
13 The audacity of that is not -- we are really shocked
14 by that, even with this Governor, that he is putting
15 himself in the legislative position of drawing the
16 maps.

17 So I will tell you I don't think our Chair
18 knows what's happening, and I don't think we know
19 what's happening because we are not being kept
20 informed on the Congressional Redistricting
21 Subcommittee at all.

22 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Yeah. And I do
23 think -- and I think that, look, if I were in the
24 Governor's shoes, I'd probably do something similar,
25 quite frankly, because the House has shown itself to

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1 acquiesce to whatever he wants to do at any given
2 time over the course of the last two years. He says
3 jump. They ask how high.

4 I think this is just another example of one
5 chamber, very specifically the House, just becoming
6 kind of a subdivision of the executive branch, you
7 know, where they are told what to do, and they do
8 their best to make the Governor happy. And so
9 looking at it from his point of view, I would try --
10 probably try the same thing if that's what I wanted.

11 When you have a group of 120 -- or, excuse
12 me, when you have a group of people -- not all 120
13 agree with it -- but when you have a group like that
14 that just does whatever you say whenever you want no
15 matter how wild it is, why wouldn't you go back to
16 that well again and again?

17 Rep. Driskell.

18 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Yeah. I just
19 wanted to add a couple other points about the
20 Governor's map briefly, which is just how offensive
21 it is to this process for the Governor to seek an
22 opinion from the Supreme Court on his map. And
23 let's remember that the Governor first dropped this
24 map on the eve of Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior's
25 birthday, and then on the first day of Black History

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1 Month, he's asking the Supreme Court to issue an
2 opinion on a map that reduces minority
3 representation, particularly black representation in
4 Congress in this state, in his state of Florida.

5 That is not lost on me, as Policy Chair
6 and, frankly, as a black member of this legislature.
7 I wanted to just point out that overreach.

8 MARYELLEEN: Can you respond to that issue
9 though about what is the -- I mean, the Governor's
10 argument is that the map that was drawn and approved
11 by the Courts 10 years ago was in his words an
12 illegal gerrymander.

13 What has changed that you think has --
14 besides the composition of the Florida Supreme
15 Court, what do you think is their strategy here?

16 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Maryellen, I
17 think you -- yeah. Maryellen, I think you answered
18 your own question, which is that when you look at
19 some of the dissents that were written back then,
20 right, you had Justice Kennedy writing the decent,
21 and now, he's the Chief Justice, right.

22 Like some -- the composition of that court
23 has changed, and not to cast aspersions on political
24 perspectives, individual political perspectives of
25 those justices, but you can just look to prior

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1 precedent and prior legal opinions to try to
2 understand how their world view operates and how
3 they're going to view this map.

4 So I think they are testing the waters. I
5 think the Governor is testing the waters, but it's
6 very dangerous. And it's a slippery slope. We're
7 the legislature. We're the ones who are charged
8 with drawing these maps, right, and passing these
9 maps. It's up to the Governor to decide whether or
10 not he wants to sign into law or veto the
11 Congressional map. That's it.

12 He doesn't have map drawing authority. So
13 it's quite unprecedented. It seems to be geared
14 towards getting attention. I don't understand how
15 any Court could rule on that map and determine that,
16 yes, it is constitutional. So yeah. It's just a
17 complete overreach by the Governor.

18 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Let me follow that
19 for just a --

20 REPRESENTATIVE SKIDMORE: Sorry. I want to
21 say --

22 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: Oh, go ahead.

23 REPRESENTATIVE SKIDMORE: -- I just want to
24 say one thing. And Leader Driskell really nailed
25 it, but my analogy is you don't get to grade your

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1 own work. The Governor is drawing the map, and he's
2 the approver of the map. So that, in and of itself,
3 is just an incredible bold move on part -- on the
4 part of an executive. It is not his authority in
5 any way to draw this map, any map. It is his
6 authority to approve or disprove, and he is putting
7 himself in the role of grading his own work.

8 REPRESENTATIVE GELLER: And just very
9 briefly on that, I would tell you nothing has
10 changed from 10 years ago. I believe in the Florida
11 Supreme Court, and I believe in our system of
12 justice. And I expect that something that's
13 unconstitutional and contrary to the Voting Rights
14 Act will be ruled that way, and I don't think there
15 has been a change. The Florida Supreme Court
16 explicitly approved this very district 10 years ago.
17 Nothing has changed that should warrant overruling
18 that.

19 The only thing I can say -- and I don't
20 question motivations. I look at actions, and I
21 don't try to get in people's heads. But if I were
22 suspicious, I would wonder if somebody somewhere,
23 whoever that might be, might be setting up a
24 constitutional challenge to the Voting Rights Act
25 itself with the idea of getting a ruling from the

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1 Florida Supreme Court that would go to the U.S.
2 Supreme Court and have someone say, oh, the Voting
3 Rights Act, we've had them since 1960. After 100
4 years of Jim Crow, we've had voting rights
5 legislation in this country going back now 60 years.

6 I would have to ask myself if someone
7 thinks that they're trying to set up a
8 constitutional challenge to the Voting Rights Act in
9 the U.S. Supreme Court, but I continue to be
10 confident in our system of justice. And I don't
11 think, as we've seen recently with a couple of
12 rulings, I think there are limits to what the
13 Florida Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court
14 will do. I believe in our system of justice.

15 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: That was much
16 better said.

17 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: All right.

18 REPRESENTATIVE DRISKELL: Thank you.

19 REPRESENTATIVE JENNE: Thank you, guys. We
20 appreciate you guys coming. I know it's late. Get
21 some sleep. File those stories. Enjoy your day.
22 Thank you.

23 (END OF VIDEO RECORDING)

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