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2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: All unauthorized
3 persons will please leave the chamber. All Senators
4 and guests in the gallery, please silence all
5 electronic devices.

6 All Senator, please indicate your presence.

7 A quorum is present.

8 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: The Senate will be in
9 order. Senators and guests in the gallery will
10 please rise for the opening prayer to be given by
11 the Senator of the 16th District, Senator Hooper.

12 Senator Hooper, you are recognized.

13 SENATOR HOOPER: Thank you very much,
14 Mr. President.

15 Good afternoon, Senators. Would you pray
16 with me.

17 Lord, Heavenly Father, thank you for this
18 beautiful day you've created. We come to you today
19 asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we
20 begin and complete our work this week. Help us
21 engage in meaningful discussion and debate. Remind
22 us often that even though we have differences of
23 political nature, we are the Senate family.

24 Lord, we pray for peace around the world.
25 Please protect our military, our first responders,

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1 their families, and, Lord, protect our families.
2 Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of serving
3 Florida. We ask all these things in your holy name.
4 Amen.

5 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Please remain standing
6 for the Pledge of Allegiance to be led today by
7 Senator Jones.

8 You're recognized.
9 (Pledge of Allegiance)

10 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Senators and guests
11 today, we have the privilege of welcoming our newest
12 Senator to the Florida Senator, the Senator of the
13 33rd District, Senator Rosalind Osgood. Welcome.

14 (Clapping)

15 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: She has many members of
16 her family in attendance: Her granddaughter, Kyla
17 Sparks; her grandson, Gabriel Sparks; daughter,
18 Shennette Sparks; son-in-law, Jermaine Sparks; son,
19 Anthony Seffield (phonetic); cousin, Trey Shawn
20 (phonetic); cousin, Sheryl Lewis (phonetic); and
21 cousin, Sharon Boraine (phonetic).

22 Also in attendance and seated in the east
23 gallery, her former FAMU basketball coach, Mickey
24 Clayton, and members of her sorority, Alpha Kappa
25 Alpha; is that right? So Senator Bracy is no longer

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1 the only basketball star in the Senate floor, just
2 for the record.

3 Madam Secretary, please read the
4 certificate of election from the Secretary of State.

5 SECRETARY LEE: State of Florida,
6 Department of State, I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of
7 State of the State of Florida, do hereby certify
8 that the following candidates were duly elected at
9 the special election held on the 8th day of March,
10 AD 2022, to the office of member, State Senate as
11 shown by the records of this office.

12 Senate District 33 elected Senator Rosalind
13 Osgood, given under my hand and the great seal of
14 the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capitol,
15 this 22nd day of March, AD 2022, signed, Laurel M.
16 Lee, Secretary of the State.

17 The reading of the certification,
18 Mr. President.

19 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Thank you. We will now
20 proceed with the oath of office. The Senator and
21 her family, please approach the front of the
22 chamber. The oath of office will be administered by
23 Senator Osgood's son-in-law, Pastor Jermaine Sparks
24 of The Hub 5 International Church. Pastor Sparks is
25 here at the invitation of Senator Osgood.

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1 PASTOR SPARKS: (Indiscernible) right hand
2 and repeat after me. I, Rosalind Osgood --

3 ROSALIND OSGOOD: I, Rosalind Osgood --

4 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- do solemnly swear --

5 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- do solemnly swear --

6 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- that I will support,
7 protect, and defend --

8 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- that I will support,
9 protect, and defend --

10 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- the constitution and
11 government of the United States --

12 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- the constitution and
13 government of the United States --

14 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- and of the state of
15 Florida --

16 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- and of the state of
17 Florida --

18 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- that I am duly
19 qualified --

20 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- and that I am duly
21 qualified --

22 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- to hold office under
23 the constitution of the state --

24 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- to hold office under
25 the constitution of the state --

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1 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- and I that I would

2 well --

3 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- and I that I would

4 well --

5 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- and faithfully

6 perform --

7 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- and faithfully perform

8 --

9 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- the duties of State

10 Senator --

11 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- the duties of State

12 Senator --

13 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- District 33 --

14 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- District 33 --

15 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- on which I am now --

16 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- on which I am now --

17 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- about to enter.

18 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- about to enter.

19 JERMAINE SPARKS: -- so help me God.

20 ROSALIND OSGOOD: -- so help me God.

21 (Clapping)

22 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Senator Osgood, welcome
23 to the Florida Senate.

24 The Secretary will please read the
25 proclamation calling the special session and

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1 proclamation expanding the call.

2 SECRETARY LEE: Proclamation, State of
3 Florida, Executive Office of the Governor,
4 Tallahassee, to the Honorable Members of the Florida
5 Senate and the House of Representatives.

6 Whereas Article 3, Section 3 of the Florida
7 Constitution permits the Governor to convene the
8 legislature in special session during which only
9 such legislative business may be transacted as is
10 within the purview of this proclamation, or of a
11 communication from the governor, or as introduced by
12 consent of two-thirds of the membership of each
13 House of the Legislature; and whereas Article 3,
14 Section 3 of the Florida Constitution limits the
15 duration of a special session to 20 consecutive
16 days; and whereas on March 29, 2022, the Legislature
17 presented to me committee substitute for Senate Bill
18 102, an act relating to establishing the
19 congressional districts of the State of Florida.

20 And whereas on March 29th, 2022, pursuant
21 to Article 3, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution,
22 I vetoed and transmitted my objection to committee
23 substitute Senate Bill 102; and whereas
24 redistricting is primarily the duty and
25 responsibility of the states, see U.S. Constitution

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1 Article 1 and 4, CL1; and whereas the legislature
2 and governor have an obligation every 10 years to
3 redraw Florida's congressional districts consistent
4 to the most recent decennial consensus, see 2 USC
5 Section 2A through 2C and the one person, one vote
6 requirement of the U.S. Constitution, see *Kirpatrick*
7 *vs. Preisler* 394 U.S. 526, 530 through 531 (1969);
8 and whereas the 2020 census resulted in the
9 apportionment of Florida of 28 representatives to
10 the U.S. House of Representatives.

11 And whereas, based on state-wide population
12 growth, the State of Florida gained an additional
13 congressional seat when compared to the 2010 census;
14 and whereas the qualifying period for election to
15 the U.S. House of Representatives is June 13, 2022,
16 to June 17, 2022, pursuant to Florida law.

17 And whereas the failure to redistrict the
18 congressional districts of the State of Florida
19 could result in confusion and chaos in the
20 administration of Florida's congressional elections,
21 now.

22 Therefore, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the
23 state of Florida, by virtue of the power and
24 authority vested in me by Article III, Section 3
25 (C) (1) of the constitution, do hereby proclaim as

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1 follows:

2 Section 1, the Legislature of the State of
3 Florida is convened in special session commencing at
4 12 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2022, and
5 extending no later than 11:59 p.m., Friday, April
6 22, 2022.

7 Section 2, the Legislature of the State of
8 Florida is convened in special session for the sole
9 and exclusive purpose of considering legislation
10 relating to the establishment of congressional
11 districts for the State of Florida and any legal
12 challenges thereto, including the appropriation of
13 additional funding for pending and prospective
14 redistricting litigation.

15 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
16 hand and caused the great seal of the State of
17 Florida to be affixed to this proclamation convening
18 the legislature in special session at the Capitol
19 this 29th day of March 2022. Signed, Ron DeSantis,
20 Governor. Attested, Laurel M, Lee, Secretary of
21 State.

22 Proclamation, State of Florida, Executive
23 Office of the Governor, Tallahassee, to the
24 Honorable Members of the Florida Senate and the
25 House of Representatives. Whereas the Florida

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1 Constitution of 1885 did not prohibit special laws
2 granting privileged private corporations; and
3 whereas the Florida Constitution was revised by the
4 Florida electorate on November 5, 1968; and whereas
5 the Florida Constitution of 1968 generally disfavors
6 special laws as opposed to general laws but permits
7 the creation of independent special districts that
8 appropriately serve the public interests; and
9 whereas Article 3, Section 11 (a)(12) of the Florida
10 Constitution of 1968 prohibits special laws granting
11 privileges to private corporations; and whereas
12 independent special districts exist that were
13 established prior to November 5, 1968, and that have
14 not been re-established, ratified, or otherwise
15 reconstituted by a special act or general law after
16 November 5, 1968.

17 And whereas it is necessary to review such
18 independent special districts to ensure that they
19 are appropriately serving the public interest; and
20 whereas it is also necessary to consider whether
21 such independent special districts should be subject
22 to the special law requirements of the Florida
23 Constitution of 1968; and whereas it is further
24 necessary to periodically review exceptions to
25 generally applicable laws that are given to select

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1 corporations.

2 And whereas on May 24th, 2021, Florida
3 enacted the first-of-its-kind law to protect
4 consumers from arbitrary censorship by social media
5 platforms; and whereas the law, Section 501.2041,
6 Florida statutes exempts any company that owns and
7 operates a theme park or entertainment complex from
8 the definition of a social media platform; and
9 whereas on June 30, 2021, a federal court
10 temporarily enjoined the Section 501.2041 Florida
11 statutes in part because such exemption would likely
12 not survive under the First Amendment.

13 And whereas the federal court questioned
14 whether it could sever the exemptions for theme
15 parks in entertainment complexes because the Court
16 included that (1), the Legislature was apparently
17 unwilling to subject favored Florida businesses to
18 the statutes onerous regulatory burdens, and (2) the
19 Court could not impose these burdens on the
20 statutorily excluded entities when the legislature
21 has not passed and the Governor has not signed a
22 statute subjecting these entities to the requirements
23 Net Choice LLC vs. Moody, 546 F sub 3D 1082, 1095
24 (ND Florida, 2021).

25 And whereas appealed this ruling to the

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1 United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh
2 Circuit in Case Number 20-12355; and whereas oral
3 arguments before the Eleventh Circuit is scheduled
4 to occur on April 28, 2022, and Florida must prevail
5 in its position that a state can regulate the
6 arbitrary and inconsistent censorship practices of
7 social media platforms due to the platforms
8 unprecedented power over the free flow of
9 information and ideas.

10 And whereas the law's exemption for theme
11 parks and entertainment complexes is severably from
12 unnecessary (sic) to effectuate the law regulating
13 social media platforms; and whereas the legislature
14 should clear that Florida intends to continue to
15 protect consumers from the arbitrary and
16 inconsistent censorship of social media platforms in
17 a viewpoint-neutral manner.

18 And whereas I have called this special
19 session, commencing at 12 o'clock p.m., Tuesday,
20 April 19, 2022, and extending no later than 11:59
21 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2022; and whereas it is
22 prudent to expand the call for this special session.

23 Now, therefore, I, Ron DeSantis, governor
24 of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and
25 authority vested in me by Article 3, Section 3(C) (1)

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1 of the Florida Constitution, do hereby proclaim as
2 follows:

3 Section 1, the call of the Legislature of
4 the State of Florida for this special session is
5 expanded for the sole purpose of considering (a)
6 legislation relating to independent special
7 districts and (b) legislation to amend Section
8 501.2041 Florida statutes.

9 In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
10 my hand and caused the great seal of the State of
11 Florida to be affixed to the proclamation expanding
12 the call to the legislature in special session at
13 the Capitol this 19th day of April 2022. Signed,
14 Ron DeSantis, Governor. Attest, Laurel M. Lee,
15 Secretary of state.

16 The reading of the proclamations,
17 Mr. President.

18 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: The secretary will read
19 the bills filed within the call. Please read the
20 bills the first time by number, introducer, and
21 title, and announce the president's reference.

22 SECRETARY LEE: Senate Bill 2C, a bill to
23 be entitled an act establishing the congressional
24 district of the state by Senator Rodriguez,
25 president's reference, reapportionment.

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1 Senate Bill 4C, a bill to be entitled an
2 act relating to the independent special districts by
3 Senator Bradley, president's reference, community
4 affairs.

5 Senate Bill 6C, a bill to be entitled an
6 act relating to social media platforms by Senator
7 Bradley, president's reference, community affairs.

8 The reading of the bills, Mr. President.

9 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Senator, 28 District,
10 Rules Chair Passidomo, for what purpose do you rise?

11 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: For a motion,
12 Mr. President.

13 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: You are recognized.

14 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
15 Mr. President. I move the rules be waived, and the
16 following bills be placed on the special order
17 calendar for today, April 19th - SB2C, relating to
18 the establishment of the congressional districts of
19 the state, SB4C, relating to independent special
20 districts, and SB63, relating to social media
21 platforms.

22 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Without objection, show
23 the motion adopted. Rules Chair Passidomo, for what
24 purpose -- you're recognized for announcements.

25 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,

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1 Mr. President. As a reminder, the amendment
2 deadlines for the bills placed on the special order
3 calendar for consideration at today's sitting is 5
4 o'clock p.m. as outlined in Senate Rule 13.8. Also,
5 the Senate Committee on Reapportionment will meet
6 today at 1:30 p.m. in 412 Knott, and the Senate
7 Committee on Community Affairs will meet today at
8 2:30 p.m. in 117 Knott.

9 Finally, Mr. President, the special order
10 calendar group scheduled for 15 minutes after this
11 sitting is cancelled.

12 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Thank you, Rules Chair
13 Passidomo. Before I recognize the Rules Chair for a
14 motion, are there any other announcements?

15 Senator Pizzo, you're recognized for an
16 announcement.

17 SENATOR PIZZO: Thank you, Mr. President,
18 only because we're sort of splitting up between
19 committees. The Rules Chair had announced that the
20 Community Affairs will convene at 2:30 p.m., and
21 then when is it contemplated that we'll be back in
22 for a special session if we're beginning at 2:30 on
23 Community Affairs?

24 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: That will be recognized
25 next, and I believe it's 5 o'clock this evening is

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1 the plan.

2 SEANTOR PIZZO: Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Senator Farmer, you're
4 recognized.

5 SENATOR FARMER: Thank you very much,
6 Mr. President, and, kudos, Madam Secretary, for
7 getting through those proclamations, both with your
8 usual accuracy and straight face this time as well.

9 Mr. President, I just wanted clarification
10 on the rules chair as to deadlines for amendments,
11 particularly as to 4C, the Reedy Creek, which was
12 just filed today. Amendments for Community Affairs,
13 have we already passed a deadline? Do we still have
14 time to amend for Community affairs?

15 Could you give us some clarity on that,
16 please, Madam Rules Chair?

17 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
18 you're recognized.

19 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
20 Mr. President.

21 There are three bills being considered.
22 All amendments to any of those bills need to be
23 filed by 5 o'clock p.m. today.

24 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
25 recognized.

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1 SENATOR FARMER: Madam Rules Chair, I'm
2 talking about in the committee. The committee is
3 meeting at 2:30. Do we have until the start of the
4 committee to file amendments for the committee
5 meeting? And if not, can we do a motion to allow
6 for that?

7 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
8 you're recognized.

9 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
10 Mr. President.

11 Just like any other committee meeting,
12 amendments are filed. They may be considered or
13 not, whether it's a late-filed amendment. In fact,
14 even on the floor of the committee, people file
15 amendments. It's up to the committee chair to
16 address that.

17 Mr. President, we have one thing on the
18 Community Affairs that meet at 1:30 today, and the
19 amendment deadline is 1:30 today for the committee.

20 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
21 recognized.

22 SENATOR FARMER: Just a clarification.
23 We're meeting at 2:30, so the amendment deadline
24 would be 1:30?

25 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: That's right. Thank

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1 you.

2 SENATOR FARMER: Okay.

3 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
4 recognized.

5 SENATOR FARMER: And with regard to
6 planning, as we move forward, Mr. President, it's my
7 reading of the rules and the Florida Constitution
8 that 4C, today would be its first reading. So
9 unless the rules were waived, we couldn't do second
10 reading today. That would have to occur tomorrow.
11 And once again, unless the rules are waived, third
12 reading could not occur until Thursday. Is that
13 correct, sir?

14 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
15 you're recognized.

16 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Well, we've already
17 waived the rules, and the special order has already
18 been dealt with.

19 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
20 recognized.

21 SENATOR FARMER: When did we waive the
22 rules to take up 4C on second reading today?

23 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
24 you're recognized.

25 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,

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1 Mr. President.

2 About five minutes ago.

3 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
4 recognized.

5 SENATOR FARMER: I would then move to
6 reconsider that, Mr. President. I don't know that
7 -- in fairness to the members, we have had a lot
8 coming at us at a very rapid pace. We didn't even
9 have a staff analysis on this matter. I don't think
10 this is something that should be done with a
11 perfunctory without objection to show that motion to
12 waive rule is adopted. This is too important to
13 many people in the state of Florida, too important
14 to very sensitive environmental lands in and around
15 Reedy Creek, and I would ask that we reconsider that
16 waiver of the rules, Mr. President.

17 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: To reconsider a motion
18 is a majority vote of the chamber. We waived the
19 rules earlier, and now, so it would take a majority
20 vote to go back and redo that. Would you like to
21 proceed with that vote, Leader Farmer? You're
22 recognized.

23 SENATOR FARMER: Thank you, Mr. President.
24 You know, Mr. President, if we're going to do it
25 that way, I would ask that you make a statement in

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1 support of that motion because, again, a perfunctory
2 without objection to show that motion adopted, under
3 these circumstances, under these constrained time
4 frames with a very, very serious issue that affects
5 not only this one district but several others -- one
6 search turned up 130 potential districts it could be
7 impacted by 4C -- I just --

8 Mr. President, please, don't -- I don't
9 think -- you have shown great leadership of this
10 chamber and adherence to the tradition of this
11 senate, and I would ask that we support that motion
12 or that the Rules Chair withdraw the waiver of the
13 rules.

14 We need a signal from you, sir, that that's
15 not how we're going to proceed, and that we will
16 give all due course to this very important and very
17 late-filed matter.

18 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Well, thank you, Leader
19 Farmer for that. And you know, from my
20 understanding of this, if we hear these bills today
21 in committee and then we will hear them tonight on
22 the floor, we will be back tomorrow to vote on these
23 bills. The consequence of your request would just
24 -- would delay this by one more day and would not
25 change the outcome of those bills, in my opinion.

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1 And so I think that if you want to request that we
2 re-vote on the motion, we can do that, but that it
3 would be a majority vote that it would take to
4 reconsider.

5 You're recognized.

6 SENATOR FARMER: Thank you, Mr. President.
7 Again, I understand that people want to get out of
8 here early, but these are very unique circumstances.
9 This is a bill that was just seen. Everybody is
10 trying to get their arms around it. I understand
11 that it may have been in drafting for several days
12 before today, but in any event, this is not how
13 we're supposed to proceed. And I understand that it
14 may be a predetermined outcome in the minds of many
15 as to the vote, but I don't think it's fair to our
16 minority caucus and those of us who really maybe
17 weren't as much in the loop as others to proceed in
18 this manner.

19 And I think the people of the state of
20 Florida expect and deserve better than expedited
21 consideration simply for ease of travel, and so, I
22 would again ask, sir, that we take up that motion to
23 waive the rules once again and do a board vote and
24 make sure that it's something that this body really
25 intends to do.

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1 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
2 you're recognized.

3 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
4 Mr. President.

5 First, I want to clarify for you what the
6 motion with the -- that was not objected to was to
7 place the bill -- these bills on the special order
8 calendar, which then would occur later on today.
9 You object to that? Or what is your actual
10 objection because I'm a little confused?

11 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Recognized.

12 SENATOR FARMER: Thank you. Well, you may
13 have just clarified it, Madam Rules Chair, and I
14 think maybe we couldn't -- then so all we did was
15 move to put it in special order. The motion to
16 waive rules to consider the bill on second reading
17 today has not yet been voted on?

18 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
19 you're recognized.

20 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
21 Mr. President.

22 That's right.

23 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
24 recognized.

25 SENATOR FARMER: So then, when we come back

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1 for our floor session later, we can have that motion
2 and have that vote and see if the rules are going to
3 be waived to place that bill on second reading
4 today?

5 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
6 you're recognized.

7 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
8 Mr. President.

9 Yes.

10 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
11 recognized.

12 SENATOR FARMER: Thank you, Mr. President.
13 With that clarification, I don't think we need a
14 motion to reconsider now because we only moved it to
15 --

16 Madam Rules Chair, let me make sure we're
17 not missing something here, and we've got Dr. Phelps
18 (phonetic) back there to help us if we need. By
19 placing it on special order calendar, does that
20 constitute bringing it for a second reading or
21 making it eligible so that the rules need not be
22 waived? Because I don't want to waive anything by
23 walking out of this chamber right now, that would
24 inhibit or prohibit our ability to take up that
25 issue when we come back.

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1 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
2 you're recognized.

3 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
4 Mr. President.

5 We will be coming back today at 5 o'clock.
6 Those bills will be on the special order calendar.
7 Then if there's an objection at that time to taking
8 them up on a second reading, you can make your
9 objection at that time.

10 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
11 recognized.

12 SENATOR FARMER: Further clarification,
13 Madam Rules Chair or Mr. President. I believe that
14 the redistricting map is already now on second
15 reading because first reading occurred last week.
16 Is that true? First reading by publication in the
17 journal.

18 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
19 you're recognized.

20 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
21 Mr. President.

22 I don't believe that's how it works.

23 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: None of the bills have
24 been reported out of committee yet because we
25 haven't passed them through committee yet.

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1 Leader Farmer, you're recognized.

2 SENATOR FARMER: And thank you. My
3 question may have been in-artfully stated. The
4 constitution requires that any bill be considered on
5 three separate days unless the rules are waived. So
6 I want to make sure that by leaving here right now,
7 we're not losing our ability to object to waiver of
8 the rules to consider 4C on its second reading as
9 the same day as its first reading.

10 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
11 you're recognized.

12 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
13 Mr. President.

14 I think we already answered that, that you
15 will have the opportunity at 5 o'clock today.

16 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Farmer, you're
17 recognized.

18 SENATOR FARMER: For a motion to waive the
19 rules and take up 4C on second reading; is that
20 correct, Madam Rules Chair? I just -- and I'm
21 sorry. I just want to make we're on the same page.
22 I don't mean to be not nice. It's a very friendly
23 question.

24 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
25 you're recognized.

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1 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
2 Mr. President.

3 All we have done right now is to waive the
4 rules to put the bills on special order. They will
5 be on special order, and at that time, as I have
6 indicated earlier, if you object to them actually
7 being heard, that can be done at that time.

8 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: And, Leader Farmer, the
9 answer to your question is yes. You can object
10 later today if you don't want to hear those bills.
11 Simply -- you're recognized.

12 SENATOR FARMER: With that assurance from
13 you, Mr. President, you, Madam Rules Chair, I yield,
14 and I withdraw the motion.

15 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Senator Pizzo, you're
16 recognized.

17 SENATOR PIZZO: Thank you, Mr. President.
18 The special order calendar will be held and presided
19 over by the majority leader, the rules chair, and
20 the minority leader, correct?

21 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
22 you're recognized.

23 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: The special order
24 calendar group is comprised of the rules chair, the
25 majority leader, and the minority leader.

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1 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Senator Pizzo, you're
2 recognized.

3 SENATOR PIZZO: Thank you, Mr. President.

4 So a vote by the majority leader and the
5 rules chair over the minority leader would then
6 place whatever bills are contemplated on special
7 order calendar to make it to the floor, correct?

8 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Leader Passidomo,
9 you're recognized.

10 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 Yes.

13 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Senator Gibson, you're
14 recognized.

15 SENATOR GIBSON: Thank you, Mr. President.
16 I want to go back because I want some clarity on --
17 so all three bills will be on special order this
18 afternoon, and we will only have an hour for Q&A on
19 all three bills? Is that what we're doing?

20 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
21 you're recognized.

22 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
23 Mr. President.

24 Well, we could extend as we do quite often,
25 so be prepared for dinner.

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1 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Any other thing -- I'm
2 sorry.

3 Senator Pizzo, you're recognized.

4 SENATOR PIZZO: Sorry, Mr. President. But
5 also, under special session rules in the 13th block,
6 amendments to bills heard on special order calendar,
7 the deadline is actually 5 o'clock, is it not?

8 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Madam Rules Chair,
9 you're recognized.

10 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 Yes.

13 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Any additional
14 questions?

15 Seeing none, Madam Rules Chair, you're
16 recognized.

17 SENATOR PASSIDOMO: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I move the Senate recess until 5
19 o'clock p.m. today, April 19th, or upon the call of
20 the president for the purpose of holding committee
21 meetings and conducting other senate business.

22 PRESIDENT SIMPSON: Without objection, the
23 Senate is now in recess.

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