

Senate Session
February 3, 2022

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President Simpson: Are there messages from the House of Representatives?

Secretary: On the desk, Mr. President.

President Simpson: Read the message and amendment on CS for SJR 100.

Secretary: I e Honorable Wilton Simpson, President: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution 100 with one amendment, barcode 503145, and requests the concurrence of the Senate. Jeff Takacs, Clerk. Committee Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution 100, a joint resolution of apportionment, amendment bar code 503145.

President Simpson: Senator 27th District, Senator Rodrigues, you are recognized for an explanation.

Ray Rodrigues: I ank you Mr. President. Committee Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution 100 contains the Senate plan that we voted out of our chamber on January 20th with broad bipartisan support, that was plan number 8058. I is week the House added their plan that contains the new House districts, which is plan number H8013. I e process that we had followed, which is the Senate draws the Senate map and the House draws the House map, keeps with past precedent. I would ask that we give our colleagues in the House the same deference on their map that they have provided to us on our map.

Should we proceed to vote this joint resolution out today, the legislative districts will enter into the process outlined by Article III, Section 16 of the Florida Constitution. I e Attorney General will have 15 days to file a petition with the Florida Supreme Court for declaratory judgment determining the validity of the apportionment. Within 30 days, the Court will enter its judgment. I e Court has issued an initial scheduling order, which was sent out on January 31st.

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1 I e order requires parties opposing the validity of the apportionment plans to file their briefs or
2 comments on the 5th day after the Attorney General files the petition. Parties supporting the
3 validity of the apportionment plan must file their briefs or comments on the 10th day after the
4 Attorney General files the petition. Mr. President, that is the joint resolution and the upcoming
5 process. It is my movement that the Senate concur in House amendment 503145.

6 President Simpson: Without – show that motion adopted without objection. We are back
7 on the bill as amended. I e Secretary will unlock the board and Senators will proceed to vote.
8 Lock the board and record the vote.

9 Secretary: 37 yeas, 0 nays, Mr. President.

10 President Simpson: Show the bill passes. And Senators, just for – what I would like to
11 say is really just thank you to this body for the professionalism we brought to this process this
12 year on redistricting with the Senate maps. We have great staff this year that did a very honorable
13 job. Jay Ferrin and Jason Rojas of our redistricting staff, we really appreciate your
14 professionalism and the work that you brought to this committee. We can and should be very
15 proud of the work we’ve done here today and now we’ll see if the courts are as equally as proud.
16 Are there matters on reconsideration?

17 Secretary: None on the desk, Mr. President.

18 President Simpson: Take up the special order calendar, read the first bill.

19 [07:35]



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