SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: House will come to order, quorum call members vote your machines. Vote your machines. Vote your machines members. Bacala, Travis Johnson, Roy Darrell, Chad Brown, LaCombe, Hughes. You through voting members? All right. Jordan, close them up. White. All right, close them up. 98 members in the quorum. Morning hour 5. Ladies, to the ladies, one of you all left your phone in the restroom.

[BACKGROUND CONVERSATION]

Ready?

CLERK: Messages from the Senate. The Senate has passed the following house bills: House Bill 14 without amendments. Respectfully submitted Yolanda Dixon, Secretary of the Senate. Senate has also passed House Bill 1 with amendments. Respectfully submitted Yolanda Dixon, Secretary of the Senate. The president of the Senate has signed the following senate bills: Senate Bill 1. Respectfully submitted Yolanda Dixon, Secretary of the Senate. Privilege report from the committee on enrollment. The committee has properly enrolled House Bills 2, 3, 14. Respectfully submitted Stephanie Hilferty, chair.

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SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Regular order.

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CLERK: House bills amended by the Senate to be concurred in House Bill 1 by speaker Schexnayder to enact Title 18 relative to congressional districts, redistricting of congressional districts.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Representative Stefanski.

REP. STEFANSKI: Members, the Senate added on the same set of amendments that we added on Senate Bill 5 which is Chairwoman Hewitt's bill and so I'm going to ask that we concur in those. For debate purposes, it's the same exact set of amendments that we adopted putting the bills in identical postures. With that, I'm happy to answer any questions.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: All right, there are no questions. All those in favor to concur on Senate amendments, Representative Jenkins, why do you ask?

REP. JENKINS: I was just trying to get some clarity. This is just on the amendments that were made?

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Concurrence.

REP. JENKINS: Concurrence occurs on the amendments that were made by the Senate?

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Yeah. Same ones we made on the House side.

REP. JENKINS: And what was that again? I'm sorry. What did the amendments do?

REP. STEFANSKI: Yeah, Representative Jenkins, as you know, there were two versions of the congressional map, that one that passed the Senate, one that passed the House. In this particular case, we're just talking about HB1 which is the speaker's congressional redistricting plan. It went through the process, went over to the Senate, got out of committee and then on the floor earlier today, there were a set of amendments that were adopted onto that bill and then passed by the Senate. As you know, when changes are made, it has to come back and we either have to concur in those amendments in the current posture of the bill or reject them and a rejection would mean that that bill went to conference. In this case, I am moving that we concur in the amendments that were placed on House Bill 1. And what I articulated was that the

amendments are exactly the same as we put on the Senate version of the congressional plan.

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So the two bills will be mirrored.

REP. JENKINS: Okay, I see now. All right. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: All right. All those voting aye to concur, vote. Representative Jenkins, lock out. With 20 members joined, Representative Jenkins is on lockout. Lockout is obvious. Quorum call members. Vote your machines. Clerk will open the machine. Quorum call. Bishop. Beaullieu. Riser. Through voting? All right, close them up. 88 members in a quorum. All right. Representative Stefanski moves to concur on the Senate amendments. All those in favor vote yay. Those opposed vote nay. The clerk will open the machines. Members vote your machines. Vote your machines members. Vote your machines. All right, close them up. Riser yes. Green no. Bishop yes. Yes or no Ms. Phelps. All right, close them up. 62 yeas, 27 nays and amendments all concurred in. Personal Privilege Representative Stefanski.

REP. STEFANSKI: Members, I believe this would be our last action on a legislative

instrument. And so, I just wanted to give a lot of praise and thanks to some people through this process. We completed this roadshow. There were several meetings involved in this whole process and that couldn't have been done without a lot of people. And so, I want to thank first and foremost a lady who was with me on almost every single one of these meetings and quite honestly, redistricting would look very different from a mechanical perspective if she wasn't there. Based on her wealth and her knowledge and her lengthy experience here in the House. This is her fourth redistricting that she has been through and I want to personally thank and give some recognition to Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, our legislative analyst. I can tell you that many of you experience what I experienced which is we would have been lost without her wealth of knowledge and her ability to help us solve some of the issues that we have both from a geographic perspective but just from an understanding "Hey, been there done that." She's done this like I said her fourth time. So really, I can't thank you enough Trish. Again, I want to thank a number of other people now who were instrumental in

this; our H&GA staff Attorney Lori Lucas. I want to thank our Committee Administrative Assistant Rosie Ammersbach. I would try to beat people into the office. I would wake up some mornings at about 6:00 a.m. and say "I'm going to get there before anybody else. I want to be the first one in the office." And Rosie beat me every time. So, I also want to thank Bryan Vincent, our Governmental Affairs Division Director. I want to thank Annie Smith who we pulled over from civil law to come help us as well. [PH 00:09:16] Catherine Zarang that we pulled over from ways and means to come help us. Our committee clerk and proud native of Crowley, Louisiana, John Harrington. I want to thank the clerk of the house who was with us really every step of the way as well, Michelle Fontenot. I want to thank Ron Smith who is instrumental in a number of these areas as well. I want to thank our Division Director of Administration Services, Rhonda Sisson. And bear with me a little bit longer, we've got a few more guys but it was a lot of work that went into this.

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I want to thank our Sergeant at Arms "Smoke" Clarence Russ. I also want to thank Danny Leming who is with us along all the way as well, assistant sergeant at arms. I want to thank [INDISCERNIBLE 00:10:21] who is always taking care of our TV and audio. Anthony Long, our Communications Engineer. I want to thank the entire legislative communications office and the computer center as well. And last but not least I want to give special thanks to the speaker for his guidance through this process, my entire H&GA committee for sticking through it with me. We had some long hours. My vice chair Royce Duplessis who was with me on all of these roadshows and all the events we had to attend. And I want to give really special thanks to one committee member who really helped me and grinded out a lot of long hours with me which is our Pro Tem Tanner Magee as well. I want to give them thanks. Thank you all for bearing with us. Thank you for bearing with us through all these recognitions but it's important because it isn't just us. It takes an entire staff to do this and we're blessed with an amazing staff here at the House. So, thank you all and that's it, huh.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Members, one second. And look, John did a great job and all those people deserve it but I can tell you that and you all know in the time that we've been up here redistricting how hard it's been just on us as a body. But I can tell you, nobody's put more in it. Nobody could have been more deserving to handle that job than Chairman John Stefanski. Thank you, John for your work.

[BACKGROUND NOISE]

CLERK: Members, the speaker appoints the following committee members to notify the governor that the House has finished its business and is ready to adjourn sine die. Those committee members to notify the governor are Representatives Amedée, Garofalo, Travis Johnson, McCormick and Schamerhorn. Please find any Danny Leming near the rear of the chamber. Again, Representatives Amedée, Garofalo, Travis Johnson, McCormick and Schamerhorn. The speaker appoints the following committee to notify the Senate that the House is ready to adjourn sine die. Those members, Representatives DeVillier, Jordan, Landry, Orgeron and Willard. Again, meet [INDISCERNIBLE 00:13:09] near the rear of the

chamber to notify the Senate Representatives DeVillier, Jordan, Landry, Orgeron and Willard. Mr. Speaker and members, we have a committee from the Senate.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Senator Lambert.

SENATOR LAMBERT: Mr. Speaker and members of the House, the Senate has completed its agenda and business and we are ready to adjourn sine die.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Thank you senators.

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Personal privilege Representative Jefferson.

REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON: Thank you. Mr. Speaker. Just before we make our egress out of this great chamber, Representative Turner and so many others, we wanted to share some good news. You know every now and then, sports has a tendency to bring us together and something exciting is going on, not only in this area, but throughout the country. So on Sunday, since football is over and after you've come from church, we encourage you to watch the Daytona 500 as that will be history and all of us are aware that this is Black History Month.

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We've made history on the leadership and auspices of our President Richard J. Gallo. Again, Sunday is going to be very special as in the NASCAR event. There will be a car driven that will highlight Grambling State University. There are 107 HBCUs. This is a first and as I indicated good things happen when we work together. The owner of this car is a Grambling alumni who play for the legendary Eddie G. Robinson. The driver of this vehicle does not look like me but he is driving a car that highlights Grambling State University. So I hope we can take that. We will cheer them on and again, I thank my colleague, Representative Turner, chair of the Rural Caucus and the speaker all of you who've called president Gallo to congratulate him. So Sunday when you hear, gentlemen, start your engine. Look for that Grambling State University car. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Representative Cromer.

REP. CROMER: Members, there was a letter passed out and might have gotten jumbled up in all the papers about a 500-million-dollar grant. That's up for grabs and Louisiana has a chance to take advantage of and we've gotten a lot of

support from the secretary of Workforce Commission. I'm trying to get -- I think the governor might sign one as well. I'm going to put together a generic letter of support and when we come back in March, there's no rush on this, I'll remind you all about it and hopefully everybody will sign on because the more signatures we get, it's going to be split between Texas and Louisiana if they get it. Run through University of Houston in conjunction with Louisiana State University so I'll remind you all in March and have a good break. Thank you.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Personal privilege, Representative Carpenter.

REP. CARPENTER: Members, we've just learned that Southern University system which is five campuses, three fourth New Orleans and three campuses in Baton Rouge land mass now has a new president. It's Dr. Dennis Shields who comes from the University of Connecticut -- Wisconsin, Platteville. And so, we look forward to having him down here at the legislature as soon as possible.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Representative Jordan.

REP. JORDAN: Mr. Speaker, we have notified the Senate that we have concluded our business and ready to adjourn sine die.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Absolutely. Thank you, guys. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. Speaker, there is another committee here to deliver a report.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Representative Amedée.

REP. AMEDÉE: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and members, we have notified the governor that we have concluded our business and he wishes us all well until the middle of March.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Thank you. Representative Thompson for a motion.

REP. THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker and members, I move that we adjourn sine die.

SPEAKER SCHEXNAYDER: Thank you members, great work. I appreciate all of you. Staff, same thing. I appreciate you all. Thank you all for your hard work.

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