PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: The Senate will come to order. Secretary, open the machines for roll call.

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PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Gary Carter is here. Senator Jackson is here. Vote your machines. Senator Connick is here. Senator White is here. Senator McMath is here. Close machines. 36 members and a quorum, members today. Senator Gary Carter will open us up in prayer followed by the pledge.

SENATOR GARY CARTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, this is an awesome privilege to lead this esteemed body in prayer. Psalms 118, verse 24 reads, "This is the day which the Lord had made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Let us pray." Thank you, Father God, for this day. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Guide us this day Father, and lead us. Let our actions be a blessing to the people of the great State of Louisiana. And let us, all of us from all parts of the State, let the people have peace and prosperity on this day, in your Mighty Son, Jesus' name. We thank you and we praise you. Amen. Now, the pledge. "I pledge allegiance to my

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Flag of the United States and the Republic for which it stands."

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PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: The reading of the Journal.

SEC. YOLANDA DIXON: Official Journal of the Senate of the State of Louisiana. Thursday, February 7th

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PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Ward moves to dispense with the reading of the Journal without objections your Honor.

[BACKGROUND NOISE]

SEC. YOLANDA DIXON: Senator Hewitt now with the suspension of the rules for the purpose of advancing two House Bills on third reading and final passage, subject to call. And she now calls House Bill One by Representative Schexnayder. It's an Act to amend Title 18 relative to congressional districts to provide further redistricting of Louisiana's congressional districts.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Hewitt.

SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, you know, we spoke about

yesterday. I gave you an update on where we were in our negotiations, and it basically boiled down to kind of two big issues: one in the northern part of the State that dealt with Union and Rapides, one in the southern part of the State, in the St. Mary's and St. Martin area. And in true legislative fashion, we have compromised and taken what we believed were the best ideas from both Bills. And of course, my priority and the president's priority were making sure that we honored you all in your input yesterday in those negotiations. And so, at this time, Mr. President, I'd like to take up the amendment, if I could.

SEC. YOLANDA DIXON: Amendments sent out by Senator Hewitt. They are set number 174. 174.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: On your amendment.

SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Thank you, Mr. President. So, members, what you will see on this map is a blend of two Bills. A blend of Senate Bill 5 and a blend of HB1. You will recognize the northern half of this map is from the Senate version. It keeps Union Parish in district four. It keeps Rapides whole. And then the southern

part of the map, this is the proposed amendment that you're looking at. The Southern part mirrors HB1 in the way it addresses the St. Martin's and St. Mary area as well as everything else kind of in that southern part of the State. So, of course, when you marry, it's like I was giving an example. If we took Senators Smith's shirt and my pants, they wouldn't exactly necessarily match. And so, somewhere in between, you have to make up the difference. And we did that in Grant Parish. So, to our northern members, you will see that we took about 7,000 voters in Grant Parish and moved them to district four.

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The remaining 14,000 or so stayed in district five. And that purely was just to make up the numbers. And we chose that Parish because it was more rural, mostly trees, not nearly as controversial as Rapides, although we know that everything that we do has pros and cons, we thought that that was the best place to do that. And so, that's the proposal before you in this amendment, Amendment 174. I've looked at all the demographics in all the districts, and these changes hardly register. The demographics are

still basically the same for all the districts. They still meet the deviation. I think it's a tremendous proposal and a great compromise. And I would ask that you adopt this amendment.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: A question on the amendment, Senator Morris.

SENATOR JAY MORRIS: Thank you. Mr. President, as you probably know, I represent parts of Grant Parish and have a few concerns, but I just wanted to ask, "Did you explore all the other alternatives to splitting up a Parish, even though it's a somewhat small part of it?"

SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: We did. We did look at many different options. It needed to be somewhere in between districts four and five in that general area. And we did consider other options but felt like that this was the best one.

SENATOR JAY MORRIS: I appreciate that. It was important to me that Rapides Parish be kept predominantly whole and particularly not running up a line right through the middle of the city. And so, I appreciate you taking the time to look through it thoroughly. If I was the dictator, which I'm clearly not, I might write it a little differently, but I appreciate your hard work. And

I regret that some people in Grant Parish might not like this, but I feel confident that Congresswoman Letlow, and Congressman Mike Johnson and their successors will do their best to represent the whole of Grant Parish, which is a really important part of the State.

SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Well, I appreciate that, and I know that they will. And interestingly enough, I had a conversation with both of them last night about this after we reached an agreement. And as it relates to Union Parish, both of them have told me that they both worked very hard to represent Union Parish, even though, of course, the Parish is only in one district. And I have no doubt that they'll continue to do that for Grant Parish as well.

SENATOR JAY MORRIS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Thank you, Senator.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Allain is your question on the Bill, or is it on the amendment? On the amendment. Okay, come on now.

SENATOR BRET ALLAIN: Thank you, Madam Chairwoman. So, I noticed that I have supported your Bill all along, but it had left all of St. Mary in district three and now I see that you've

1 moved 4,800 or a little less than 4,800 of St.
2 Mary Parish's residences into district six. That
3 was, I guess, the Schexnayder thing that you all
4 agreed to take. I never liked to see until, at
5 this point in time, St. Mary Parish was whole.
6 But now I see that it's split and particularly
7 Morgan City itself and parts of it, the
8 incorporated area are now, along with Amelia, are
9 now in district six. So, can you give me a brief
10 about why that needed to happen?
11 SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Yeah, they're in
12 district three. But I know what you meant.
13 [OVERLAY]
14 SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Yes, sir. So, again,
15 there's an infinite number of ways to draw the
16 same map with the same data. This was something
17 that was passed by the House as it is represented
18 was very important to House members, although
19 nothing is a hundred percent agreement. So,
20 again, in the spirit of compromise, we knew that
21 we were not going to have a full agreement
22 between both chambers on HB5. We also weren't
23 going to be in full agreement on HB1, and that
24 probably the right answer was something in
25 between. And so, you know, again, the energy in

this body was around northern Louisiana. So that's what I pushed for to come out of the Senate Bill.

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SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: The House had much stronger feelings in the southern part. And you know, it's not just this area, but of course, there are differences in all of the districts between the two Bills, whether you're talking about congressional districts two and six, how they split along the river. My congressman, Congressman Scalise in district one is handled differently in both Bills, and everybody kind of had their preferences. And that's the spirit of compromise, and although I do prefer to keep Parishes whole to the extent that we're able to. As you know, with the congressional maps our unofficial goal has been to keep them plus or minus one hundred people and that's very difficult to do. And so, for some of those reasons, that's why we ended up with the compromise that we got.

SENATOR BRET ALLAIN: So, it was absolutely necessary that you take the population out of St.

1 Mary and split it to make the numbers work? Is
2 that what you're telling me?
3 SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Well, no, that's
4 probably not completely fair because of course,
5 you could take population from anywhere and
6 eventually make the numbers work. It is
7 complicated because you can only take them from
8 the districts. So, you're keeping all districts.
9 So quite often what happens is in the
10 congressional maps, if you take a precinct over
11 here, it literally reverberates through every
12 district. Every district ends up having to change
13 precincts to keep it down to a hundred because
14 there are no precincts with a hundred people, not
15 a very few. There are lots of precincts with
16 thousands of people, and to get it to a hundred
17 is kind of a mathematical puzzle. There probably
18 were other ways to do it. I'm not going to tell
19 you that this was the only way, but we also were
20 committed to not wanting to introduce much in the
21 way of new changes to two maps that had already
22 been agreed upon. And we were trying to work kind
23 of within the boundaries of the two maps and come
24 up with a compromise and so, that was part of the
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driver to keep this piece in there that the House had already supported.

SENATOR BRET ALLAIN: I was hoping that it could have been done differently, but I appreciate your answer.

SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Thank you, Senator.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Bernard, for a question on the amendment.

SENATOR LOUIE BERNARD: Senator Hewitt, I feel like I'm repeating everybody when I thank you for the work that you've done. This is an amazing amount of work that's been done on this and other maps for the last couple of months. When you get back home, everybody, as you said just a while ago, "Well, if there's a lot of ways, they could do that, then why did they have to do it this way?" So those are kind of difficult to answer. But what my plan is, is to explain the many parameters that are involved that you've articulated up here and try to explain why that is. So, I was just going to go on record as asking, first of all, saying how good it is for Rapides to be whole. And the question I have is about the little western jut there in Grant Parish. And I know Senator Morris

1 came up, and you may have already answered this,
2 but could you just comment quickly on the need to
3 go in and get the numbers that were present there
4 in Grant Parish to make this work?
5 SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Again, you commit to
6 wanting to keep Union in district four and
7 Rapides as a whole as possible in district five,
8 which was clearly the feedback that we got from
9 this body. You still had a discrepancy in the
10 numbers between four and five. And so, the
11 solution had to reside along the boundary between
12 districts four and five. Otherwise, of course,
13 again, you're doing the reverberation through all
14 of the districts to try to and then end up
15 changing everybody. And so, we knew that that's
16 where we had to look for places to make
17 adjustments. And we did look at a lot of the
18 parishes along the way. There was a proposal at
19 one time to take some population in Lincoln
20 Parish that would have moved some in district
21 four, that would have separated Granby [PH
22 00:14:22] and Louisiana tech and we didn't think
23 that that was a good policy. And so, yes, we did
24 explore a number of options and felt like this
25 was the best option available to us.

SENATOR LOUIE BERNARD: Thank you, and we've heard that argument throughout all of this that you can look at it this way or you can look at it that way. You can look at it like you have two congressmen to advocate for you rather than one. So, I think initially those folks here in Grant will feel like they wish they would have been left in five, but I hope it turns out to be positive for them, and we'll try to work for that to happen. Thank you again for all your work.

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SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Thank you, Senator.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Peterson, for a question on the amendment.

SENATOR KAREN CARTER PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Hewitt, just a question. You've referenced a lot of conversations that you've been having over the last few days. Have there been any conversations with members about creating another minority district? There's certainly a lot of interest in that. I know you said that before on another instrument that you tried in the instrument that you authored, but this instrument is different authored by the

1 Speaker of the House. And I was just wondering if
2 you had any conversations about that?
3 SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Yeah, in terms of
4 compromising between these two instruments and
5 these two Bills, we were trying to work within
6 the boundaries of both of those Bills and not
7 introduce or do kind of a complete remap and a
8 complete do-over.
9 SENATOR KAREN CARTER PETERSON: But there is
10 the ability, if we wanted to, because in a
11 Conference Committee, even though neither body
12 has voted on a particular legislation, it is
13 possible to add language that hasn't been agreed
14 upon by either body, correct?
15 SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: I would say it has
16 been my experience that the intent of the
17 Conference Committees is to represent, again,
18 ideas that have previously been introduced and to
19 work through compromises. It's not a hundred
20 percent and as you know, it doesn't happen all
21 the time. But if you were going to introduce
22 completely new concepts, we could be here for a
23 very long time. And so, we felt like many of
24 those additional ideas had already been debated,
25 both in committees and on the floor, and that the

1 body was narrowing down the options. And so, we
2 were working to negotiate between these two
3 Bills.
4 SENATOR KAREN CARTER PETERSON: What if I
5 told you that this particular compromise violates
6 the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Section Two?
7 SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: I do not believe
8 that this Bill violates the Voting Rights Act,
9 nor do I believe that Senate Bill 5 and its
10 original form or HB1 and its original form
11 violate the Voting Rights Act either.
12 SENATOR KAREN CARTER PETERSON: Thank you.
13 SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Thank you.
14 PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Fields,
15 for the question on the amendment and he waived.
16 Okay, members, since there are no questions on
17 the amendment, Senator Hewitt has offered up an
18 amendment. Is there any objection to the adoption
19 of the amendment? Any objection? There is an
20 objection. Okay, members, when the machines are
21 open, all those in favor of the adoption of the
22 amendment will vote, "Yeas." Those that opposed
23 vote, "Nay," and the Secretary will open the
24 machines. Vote your machines. Say all "Yeas" or
25 "No". Are you through voting? Close the machines.

27 Yeas and 10 Nays and the amendment stands adopted. Back on the Bill.

SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: All right, members, this is the conclusion of nearly three weeks of work. I think the points have been made and the debates happened, and it's been a robust debate. And I do appreciate everyone that offered their input on how to best configure the congressional districts for the next ten years. I think this is a great compromise and a great year.

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PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Hewitt, we have some people for the floor on the Bill. So, before you go into your closing, we're going to have to allow these people to --

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SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Yes, sir, absolutely.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Okay, Senator Peterson, to the floor on the Bill.

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SENATOR KAREN CARTER PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in opposition to House Bill 1. House Bill 1 violates the Voting Rights Act. Section Two and I know everyone knows

what that act is supposed to provide protection for, and we have the opportunity to do it with this instrument that's before us today. I would really encourage you to dig deep and do what I believe is morally right for the State and citizens of Louisiana. This is my third time doing redistricting. I did it and I was elected in 1999, to the House. I left there as Speaker Pro-Tem, and I did it again in 2010, and this is my third time in 2020. We have watched the population grow, the minority population in particular not just Afro-Americans, but particularly Hispanic-Americans and American-Indians in this State. And if we vote for this instrument today, it is indirect ignorance and negligence to address the increasing population in the State of Louisiana.

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SENATOR KAREN CARTER PETERSON: It seems like in certain areas, for example, I'll use the Senate instrument where we moved the Senate district from north Louisiana to the North Shore area, and it was based on a population decrease in the northern area and a population increase on the North shore. But for some reason, we want to

1 acknowledge certain numbers and ignore others.
2 Why do we do that? Unless we're looking at it
3 with color in mind because the numbers when it
4 relates to people that look like me are ignored
5 repeatedly. They're increasing all over the state
6 and there's an opportunity because you've seen
7 multiple variations of congressional maps where
8 it can be drawn but excuses are brought up
9 repeatedly. There's no will. There's no interest
10 and fairness. Now think about it, let's turn the
11 page. Let's turn it around and there's a saying,
12 or maybe a biblical verse and it says "Do unto
13 others, as you would have them do unto you." And
14 let's just say that the increase in population
15 wasn't black. It wasn't Hispanic. It wasn't
16 American-Indian. It was Caucasians. It wouldn't
17 be ignored. Do you know why I know that? It
18 wasn't ignored in the Senate map.
19 A new district primarily made up of
20 Caucasians was created in North Shore.
21 Notwithstanding, the fact that an increase in
22 black people across this State occurred cannot be
23 ignored. Those are the numbers from the census
24 not my numbers, the U.S. census relied upon in
25 some ways to develop a map that we want it. We,

1 sarcastically figuratively, not me but then
2 ignored others. For too long black people have
3 been ignored, particularly in this State for what
4 is right and just. I'm not asking for a handout.
5 I'm not asking for a special favor and
6 accommodation. In fact, I'm not asking for
7 anything for myself. I'm asking that you do right
8 by the same citizens that were born, try to raise
9 their kids in this State, get them a good
10 education, and present opportunities. Everything
11 we do here in this census for the next 10 years
12 is impacted. Particularly not just voting, but
13 actually finances flow as a result of how we draw
14 these districts. So, you put us further, us, me,
15 black people behind when you don't treat us
16 fairly. It might not make a difference in your
17 rate and green vote today. It's called the golden
18 rule and it has nothing to do with race but
19 deliberations, negotiations have gone on. So much
20 has happened in this process with complete
21 disregard for a population in this State that has
22 gone unnoticed and unfairly disregarded for too
23 long. It may not make you feel good to hear these
24 words.
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You may want me to sit down sooner. You may put your head down and read your phone right now because you really know in your heart that this isn't right. It's not a tirade. It's not just some passionate speech. It's about people's fundamental rights and you want the people in all of your parishes represented as well. But why is it only white people get to get represented fairly? It will be wrong for me to come here, ask people to elect me and not State what the obvious is and what is wrong on the face of it. I beg of you. Everybody's "Oh?" Not everybody. A number of people have said, "Oh, it's going to be litigation. Don't worry about it. If we have to come back, we come back." If you know in your heart it's wrong just do the right thing. That's what's called courage. John F. Kennedy has a book called "Profiles and Courage." There's an opportunity for you to be one of those people.

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SENATOR KAREN CARTER PETERSON: Today maybe two or maybe 10 or maybe unanimously. We can say we got till Sunday. Let's reject this. Let's try again. We got time. I implore you to represent

all the people of Louisiana and vote no. Thank you.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Fields for the floor on the Bill.

SENATOR CLEO FIELDS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in opposition to the Bill for several reasons. I want to thank Senator Peterson for her speech. And members I take somewhat of the same approach. There are several folks who came before me. Many died for the right to vote, many marched for their rights to vote. And I guess, it's difficult to stand before you because there are so many people who gave their lives just to get the right to vote. My grandparents had to and I get emotional about it. They had to have literacy tests and that's why Louisiana and still under Subsection 5 of the Voting Rights Act. And they got rid of Subsection 4B because it was old and outdated. And that's why we got to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. Because we didn't trust legislatures across this country. And many of them we really didn't trust. Louisiana was one of them because I did not think that legislatures would do right by

1 people that looked like me. Now, the law provides
2 that every 10 years we count people on the
3 census. And we counted people in Louisiana and
4 people who look like me and they filled out those
5 forms, mailed in their forms, and some did it
6 online. And we make up 33% of the people in this
7 State who looked just like me and they deserve
8 representation. And Senator Hewitt who has worked
9 very hard. I have a lot of respect for you.
10 You've traveled this State with your committee
11 and you've heard from these people. They have
12 said, "Listen, we want representation in
13 Congress." They answered the census form, 33% of
14 the people in this State are black.
15 Actually, it's over 33%. It's 33.3% of the
16 people in this State of black. And I've shown up
17 at every hearing that she has had across the
18 State. And they have said, "We want a black
19 congressional district." But that's not enough
20 because you got to be compact. You got to live in
21 communities so you can create one. And they've
22 shown up at hearings and they have presented
23 plans. And I've presented a plan on their behalf
24 that are more compact than this one. There's just
25 no reason for them not to have representation.

And I say that in all sincerity, there's just no reason for them not to. There was a plan that I presented on this floor that was more compact than this plan. And I know it's been voted down and there's just no reason for it not to pass. So, I just say to you today, "I rise in opposition to this plan because there is a better plan that complies with the Voting Rights Act.

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And I know that this plan will pass but there is a better way to do it. We elect six members of Congress: five of them are white and one of them is black. 33% of the people in this State are black. It's not just the right way to do it. I thank the President for his time and I hope that you voted [INDISCERNIBLE 00:30:38]

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Thank you, Senator Fields. There are no other members on the floor on the Bill. Senator Hewitt, you have the right to close on the Bill.

SENATOR SHARON HEWITT: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, we've had a robust debate over the last three weeks on this Bill and other Bills, and I think we have all been very committed to making sure that we honored the

Voting Rights Act and follow the Voting Rights Act as well as all federal and State Laws and the other redistricting principles that we have established. It does matter where people live, and we worked very hard to look for ways in all of these maps to be able to identify another majority-minority district that would perform as a minority district. And unfortunately, we were not able to see any evidence of data that they would perform. In the case of a congressional adding another congressional district, we would do that at the expense of the current district, right? Where you would end up with two minority districts that potentially would not perform as a minority district. And doing that would cause the legislature to not be honoring and meeting the requirements of the Voting Rights Act. And I don't believe that would be good for the State of Louisiana. We've worked on this issue and I respect the differences of opinion, but I do believe that this Bill as presented does the very best job of meeting Federal and State Law and the redistricting principles that we adopted. And I ask you to vote for this Bill and I move the final passage.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Senator Hewitt has moved the final passage of House Bill 1. When the machines are open, all those in favor will vote "Yeas", those who oppose will vote "Nay" and the Secretary will open the machines.

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PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Vote your machines. Senator [INDISCERNIBLE 00:32:50] yes? Are you through voting? Close the machines. 27 Yeas, and 10 Nays, and the Bill is finally passed. Senator Hewitt moves to reconsider the vote by which the Bill passed and lay that motion on the table without objection. So, ordered.

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SEC. YOLANDA DIXON: Members messaged from the House. The House has finally passed the following Senate Bill: Senate Bill 5 with amendments respectfully submitted, Michell Fontenot, Clerk of the House.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Okay members, at this time we're going to stand at ease for about 15 to 20 minutes while waiting for a few things from the other side. So, we'll stand at ease. Thank you.

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PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Dear Senator Abraham suggests an absence of a quorum when the machines are open quorum call. Senator Mizell is here. Quorum call. Vote your machines. Senator McMath is here. Senator Facey [INDISCERNIBLE 00:42:18] is here. Senator Jackson is here. Senator Henry is here. Senator Milligan is here. Senator Womack, Senator Reese, Senator Gary Carter, Senator Harris, and Senator Fields is here. Senator Peterson is here. Senator Womack is here. Vote machines. 37 members and a quorum.

SEC. YOLANDA DIXON: Senator Cortez now moves for the suspension of the rules for the purpose of calling from the calendar House Bill 14 by Representative Schexnayder. It's an Act to amend Title 24 relative redistricting to provide for the election districts for the House of Representatives of the legislature of Louisiana.

SENATOR BETH MIZELL: Senator Cortez on the Bill.

SENATOR PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Thank you, Madam Mizell. Members, House Bill 14 by the speaker is the Bill that reapportions the House of representative districts, the 105 districts. In 2010, the ideal population was 43,174. After the 2020 census. the ideal population is now 44,359. Much like the Senate Bill they had to migrate from northwest Louisiana. Ultimately it was migrated to the New Orleans Metro area. House District 23 was the lowest populated House District in north Louisiana. It was shifted south to recognize the population growth that occurred in the New Orleans Metro Area. A couple of notes about the map, it does contain 41 split parishes. It contains 29 majority-minority districts. It had widespread support amongst the House members that received 82 votes included House members from every part of the State and from each caucus and delegation. I see no questions. I move the final passage of House Bill 14.

SENATOR BETH MIZELL: Senator Cortez has moved the final passage of the Bill when the machine is open. All those in favor vote, "Yeas". All those who oppose, vote, "Nay." Secretary, please open the machines.

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SENATOR BETH MIZELL: Vote your machines. Jackson. Yes? No. Senator Ward? Okay. Close your machines. We have 25 Yeas, 11 Nays. The Bill is passed. Senator Cortez moves reconsideration of the Bill but by which the process by which the Bill is passed and lay that motion on the table. Without objection, so ordered.

MALE 1: Thank you.

PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Okay, members we're waiting on some instruments from the House so we would just stand at ease until we receive such instrument.

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PRES. PATRICK PAGE CORTEZ: Members, we are waiting on receipt of the Bills to concur. So, we'll just stand at recess until 12:30.

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