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2                   CHAIRMAN DEVLIN:  Committee, we're going  
3     to call the Redistricting Committee to order.  I  
4     know the Vice Chair had to step out for just a  
5     moment, but he is here.

6                   If you'll take the roll.

7                   MS. THOMPSON:  Chairman Devlin.

8                   CHAIRMAN DEVLIN:  Here.

9                   MS. THOMPSON:  Representative Bellew.

10                  REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW:  Here.

11                  MS. THOMPSON:  Representative Boschee.

12                  REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE:  Here.

13                  MS. THOMPSON:  Representative Headland.

14                  REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND:  Here.

15                  MS. THOMPSON:  Representative Lefor.

16                  REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR:  Here.

17                  MS. THOMPSON:  Representative Monson.

18                  REPRESENTATIVE MONSON:  Here.

19                  MS. THOMPSON:  Representative Nathe.

20                  REPRESENTATIVE NATHE:  Here.

21                  MS. THOMPSON:  Representative Schauer.

22                  REPRESENTATIVE SCHAUER:  Here.

23                  MS. THOMPSON:  Senator Holmberg.

24                  SENATOR HOLMBERG:  Here.

25                  MS. THOMPSON:  Senator Bekkedahl.



1 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Here.

2 MS. THOMPSON: Senator Burckhard.

3 SENATOR BURCKHARD: Here.

4 MS. THOMPSON: Senator Erbele.

5 SENATOR ERBELE: Here.

6 MS. THOMPSON: Senator Klein.

7 SENATOR KLEIN: Here.

8 MS. THOMPSON: Senator Oban.

9 SENATOR OBAN: Here.

10 MS. THOMPSON: Senator Poolman.

11 SENATOR POOLMAN: Here.

12 MS. THOMPSON: And Senator Sorvaag.

13 SENATOR SORVAAG: Here.

14 MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, we have a  
15 quorum.

16 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you.

17 What are your wishes of the August 26th  
18 minutes?

19 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Move to  
20 (indiscernible).

21 CHAIRMAN DEVIN: Moved, second.

22 All those in favor, signify by saying  
23 aye.

24 (Unanimous ayes)

25 CHAIRMAN DEVIN: Opposed nay.



1 Motion.

2 Comments by Chairman. They'll be very  
3 brief. I know that Representative Monson is  
4 joining us by virtual means this morning. The  
5 only member of legislative management who isn't  
6 on this Committee that notified me he would be  
7 here, and I just want to mention Representative  
8 Howell (phonetic), who is on legislative  
9 management, is also here today.

10 This set up for the room, somebody  
11 asked, and I understand it took about an hour,  
12 which was a little less time than they expected.  
13 But they got it done. As you know, we have a  
14 great staff, and I'm really happy the way things  
15 are going.

16 Again, today our staff members here are  
17 Emily Thompson, the code reviser; Samantha  
18 Kramer, senior counsel; Claire Ness, senior  
19 counsel; and I think Tyler Bigler (phonetic) is  
20 the IT person here today. And our legislative --  
21 our Director of Legislative Management, John  
22 Bjornson is also in the audience.

23 Representative Schauer reached out to  
24 the mayors of Fargo and West Fargo, and I don't  
25 know if either one of them or both of them are



1 here. But they intended to bring some meeting --  
2 Mayor Mahoney has walked in. We'll let  
3 you right up to the --

4 MAYOR MAHONEY: Good morning.

5 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Good morning.

6 MAYOR MAHONEY: Sorry. I normally do  
7 surgery today, but today I had surgery on myself.  
8 So I'm a little late, but welcome to Fargo.  
9 We're very honored you're here. I know you're  
10 taking a task that's going to be interesting  
11 through the day and has a lot of people watching  
12 to see what's going to happen.

13 This is a tremendously exciting time for  
14 the City of Fargo right now. And just want to  
15 tell you that we continue to grow. We've grown  
16 20 percent in the last ten years. We continue to  
17 see tremendous social-economic change. Permits,  
18 we do about 300 million a year. We did 720  
19 million permits last year, and we're going to  
20 another half a billion permits even this year.

21 And I think as you drive around, you'll  
22 see there's a lot of stuff going on in the  
23 community. I especially want to thank my  
24 legislative partners on the FM Area Diversion.  
25 So this year we funded it and bonded it, and we



1 finally got our P3 bids in. And we're real  
2 excited about that because that's going to ensure  
3 that we have flood protection for our community.  
4 And what that also brings to us is a lot of  
5 economic interest in our community.

6 One of the things about North Dakota,  
7 which you all are part of, is we're a safe place  
8 for people to grow their business, and we've  
9 found a lot of people that have an interest in  
10 our community, number one job market in the  
11 nation and the place that things can happen. So  
12 we're very excited about that.

13 I'm also excited to tell you that our  
14 in-town and flood protection is at 95 percent.  
15 So we have 95 percent flood protection in the  
16 community. If we had a flood of 209, it would  
17 take about less than a half-million sandbags. So  
18 I'm very excited about that because a lot of our  
19 community has forgotten how to do sandbags.

20 Last time I was going to get some  
21 sandbags up, one of the superintendents in the  
22 school said, "Can we find that on YouTube?" And  
23 I thought that was like the basics of your civic  
24 exam, that you did that and you knew how to do  
25 sandbags in our community. But they don't.



1           The other thing, I want to thank you all  
2   as a team is that the leadership and the  
3   oversight and vision has North Dakota legislators  
4   that you have. That has really helped us out in  
5   many ways in our community. I do not think we  
6   would have the growth in our community if we had  
7   not had your help, and I just want to thank all  
8   of you. I know that on many issues, it looks  
9   like Fargo needs this or Fargo needs. But  
10   because of how you've helped us, it has helped us  
11   grow in a tremendous way, and it has also helped  
12   us become the number one city in the state as far  
13   as growth and development that helps the state  
14   out.

15           Now in our metro area, we're responsible  
16   for 24 percent of the state's population. And we  
17   take that seriously that we know we will continue  
18   to grow, and if we want to get North Dakota to a  
19   million people, we know a lot of that growth will  
20   help come from here.

21           So again, thank you for coming here  
22   today. Enjoy our restaurants. I think you got  
23   to drive around a little bit and see what's going  
24   on. If you're really curious, you can see the  
25   inlet that's down by Horace and just see how huge



1 that concrete structure is and how much work we  
2 have done on that. And if you drive around the  
3 community, you'll see a lot of things happening.

4 The other thing, we're very proud, is  
5 downtown Broadway Square is completed, and  
6 downtown is different a little bit now. You'll  
7 feel it more alive. People are walking. People  
8 are doing things. RDO has 300 employees  
9 downtown. We're going to have some other -- Bell  
10 Bank is coming downtown. So we're going to have  
11 a lot more people in that downtown area, and we  
12 have a tremendous amount of restaurants.

13 If you want to stray a little to the  
14 west, you can go to West Fargo. I don't know if  
15 Bernie's going to talk today, but they've got  
16 some good things happening there as well. And  
17 Veterans Boulevard is basically our second  
18 downtown area that you have a lot of different  
19 selection and choices.

20 So welcome again to Fargo. Very glad to  
21 have you here. Honored that you all do the work  
22 you do, and I think you do it very well.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

25 Mayor Dardis.





1           MAYOR DARDIS: Chairman Devlin, thank  
2     you for the opportunity. It's good to see a lot  
3     of old friends, new friends that are sitting here  
4     today.

5           I too would like to thank the North  
6     Dakota Legislature, the House of Representatives,  
7     and the Senate for all of the things that you've  
8     done to assist our community in its growth.

9           Mayor Mahoney talks about 95 percent of  
10    the flood protection is done in Fargo. We're 100  
11    percent in West Fargo. He talks about a 20  
12    percent growth in his community. We're at 49.7  
13    percent growth, and that's a credit to all of you  
14    because you understand the infrastructure needs  
15    of what our community needs and the programs that  
16    you allow us through the commerce department,  
17    sometimes the incentives.

18          As the Mayor has said, the flood  
19    diversion funding was substantial to our metro  
20    communities, and we are very grateful for the  
21    generosity and the level of which you have  
22    supported us on that.

23          West Fargo does have its own diversion,  
24    along with Horace, but we have areas in our  
25    extraterritorial that this will now be protected.



1 And that's a great opportunity for our community,  
2 and that's a credit to you and the commitment  
3 that the North Dakota Legislature has made to our  
4 metro communities.

5 Like Tim said, we encourage you to come  
6 to West Fargo. We don't probably have quite as  
7 many restaurants, but I would like to highlight  
8 that on Main Avenue we have about a \$37 million  
9 development that's going in right now. Amazon  
10 Hub is the newest tenant that's going in there.  
11 Two weeks from today, Marvin Windows will  
12 announce a very major expansion into West Fargo.

13 If you go down Sheyenne Street, that's  
14 about \$40 million that we've we developed there.  
15 You go down to the lights on South Sheyenne, and  
16 we're nearing \$50 million of development that's  
17 there. So, you know, we're not the quiet little  
18 bedroom community that you used to have.

19 At the present time, we have the largest  
20 two high schools in the state of North Dakota.  
21 When Horace High School opens up, we'll have the  
22 three largest high schools, and we now have the  
23 three largest middle schools. West Fargo has the  
24 second-largest school district in the state of  
25 North Dakota, only behind Bismarck, and we'll



1 probably never catch them.

2 But the fact of the matter is, we have  
3 over 12,600 students in our school system. And  
4 so, again, I hope you all understand what the  
5 growth that a community our size, we're just a  
6 hair under 40,000 in the last census, those  
7 infrastructure needs, those developments, and the  
8 things that we need to do for services, we are  
9 certainly glad that we have all of you as  
10 partners in understanding with a growth community  
11 like ours has, like Watford City, like Williston,  
12 like Dickinson, you know.

13 I'm an old West River boy. I grew up in  
14 Killdeer, North Dakota, in the middle of the  
15 Bakken, and so I understand the impacts that it's  
16 made on those communities and that population out  
17 there.

18 So again, for you to understand that the  
19 growth that we have in the metro area, and of  
20 course the very important work that you're doing  
21 here today with the redistricting and  
22 understanding what that growth and that effect  
23 might with regard to legislative districts in our  
24 community. So we're very grateful for your  
25 service. We're delighted that you come to Fargo



1 to hold one of your hearings.

2 So on behalf of the City of West Fargo,  
3 welcome. We're tickled that you're here, and if  
4 there's anything that we can do to assist as you  
5 go forward with your work, please ask.

6 I was part of the group back when it was  
7 kind of very small offices and smoke-filled  
8 rooms. When Johnny Dorso and John Korsmo and  
9 myself, we did it in the '80s and the '90s, and  
10 there weren't near as many people in the room as  
11 there is today. So good for you guys.

12 Thank you very much.

13 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.  
14 We appreciate you being here, both of you, today.

15 So, Committee, before we go into the  
16 discussion on legislative redistricting, when I  
17 introduce the members of legislative management,  
18 I see Representative Kim Koppelman is here; he's  
19 on management. I believe that Representative  
20 Boschee, Lefor, Senators Holmberg, Klein, and  
21 Oban are on legislative management.

22 Did I miss anybody?

23 Sorry, Senator Burckhard. I apologize.

24 Okay. We will do a little preliminary  
25 discussion on redistricting in the eastern



1 portion of the state.

2 Senator Holmberg.

3 SENATOR HOLMBERG: The eastern portion  
4 of the state, particularly the northeast,  
5 presented some challenges, challenges basically  
6 because ten years ago, that area, practically all  
7 of the districts were at the minimum populations.  
8 And that area has not grown, so our challenge was  
9 there are too many districts in that region for  
10 the number of legislators that we have. So some  
11 changes had to occur because the bottom line is  
12 what we're doing here is not rocket science. It  
13 is just arithmetic.

14 There are really two ways to look at how  
15 we handled the northeast -- or the challenges of  
16 the northeast. I know there's two kinds of  
17 redistricting. There is the math geography and  
18 then there is the political geography, and the  
19 math geography is very simple. It's one person,  
20 one vote, and that, easy to do.

21 But there are all kinds of factors that  
22 weighed into what you're going to see now in just  
23 a few minutes, but keep in mind, I could have  
24 done these suggestions on an Etch A Sketch  
25 because this is not a plan. This is a concept on



1    how the northeast portion could be divided if you  
2    all and the legislature decides that's the way to  
3    do it. But it can be changed.

4               So let's hope that if there are other  
5    suggestions, they come forth. Maybe not today,  
6    but at least over the next weeks as our Committee  
7    works. The first slide -- and these will be on  
8    the legislative council's website at some point.

9               What I am going to present,  
10   conceptually, is Districts 10, 19, 42, 43, 17,  
11   and 18. One can expect changes because other  
12   people will have other ideas. One of the factors  
13   is we have -- as people have been working on  
14   plans, what I constantly hear is we've got a  
15   couple areas of challenge. One of them is our  
16   friends in Nelson County, and one of them is our  
17   friends in Traill County because, you know, they  
18   just have the population that makes it a little  
19   difficult to fit in very easily.

20              There is another fracture in the  
21   northeast, and that is Rolette County. Rolette  
22   County, which includes the reservation, has had  
23   its own district for a number of cycles, but they  
24   just don't have the people that were counted.  
25   I'll throw a bone to those that say they weren't



1 all counted, but that's the number we have to  
2 work with. But they're going to have to pick up  
3 a sizable area. And because we have not had the  
4 opportunity to hear directly from them, I stayed  
5 away from making any suggestions because let's  
6 hear what they have to say first and then fit  
7 everything in together.

8 So the reservation, Rolette County, has  
9 three choices. They can go east, west, or south.  
10 That's all they have. They can go into District  
11 6, into District 10, or into District -- whatever  
12 that is down below the 14.

13 So I did nothing with that, and because  
14 of the challenges that we have in that particular  
15 area, what I am going to present on District 10  
16 is subject to change depending upon what, at the  
17 end of the day, occurs with what is currently  
18 District 9.

19 So let's look at District 10, wherever  
20 it is. There it is. Okay. If you haven't had  
21 the computer yet, count your blessings. Okay.  
22 District 10 -- is it my eyes, or where is the  
23 mayor? I might need help. Okay. Here we are.

24 District 10 has minimal change.  
25 Cavalier County, Pembina County, and the western



1 half of Walsh County is their current district.  
2 They were short, as were all districts in the  
3 northeast in the state except for the district  
4 that I represent in Grand Forks. We hit a  
5 surplus. Everyone else was low, and some of them  
6 way low.

7 To take Nelson County that was in  
8 District 23, and I know there will be some  
9 separation pains, would fit in their  
10 population-wise. And again, this is the  
11 arithmetic. This is the math part of  
12 redistricting. So minimal change for that  
13 particular district.

14 The next one up is District 19. Okay.  
15 The city of Grand Forks presented particular  
16 problems. We have four districts but not enough  
17 people for those four districts, but it wasn't  
18 that far off. So in order to, I'll say insulate  
19 the districts in Grand Forks, I'm suggesting --  
20 or this particular concept suggests that we do a  
21 minimal amount of capture of folks that live in  
22 the outside area of the city of Grand Forks into  
23 the districts.

24 So there were actually only three  
25 changes made, and they were minimal because I'm





1 not a great believer that we have, you know, tons  
2 of rural people that are represented by city  
3 folk.

4 We are very similar now, I believe, to  
5 Minot, which has four districts, and three of  
6 them have townships within those districts. The  
7 same thing now in Grand Forks. There would be  
8 three of the four districts have some township  
9 involvement. So when you see this particular map  
10 of District 19, what is carved out on your right  
11 is the city of Grand Forks' four districts.

12 The rest of that particular district,  
13 District 19, is the current district, and the  
14 only difference is the southern part of Grand  
15 Forks County was in District 20. But in order  
16 for District 19 to be whole, they have to  
17 recapture the rest of rural Grand Forks County,  
18 which includes the cities of Thompson, Reynolds,  
19 which really is on the border between Grand Forks  
20 and Traill County, and these other places.

21 So this particular one, it -- concept  
22 has all of Grand Forks County plus that eastern  
23 half of Walsh County, which includes Grafton.  
24 And everything is similar because one of the  
25 concepts we tried is to preserve the core of



1 existing districts. We made little change.  
2 People say if you look at where legislators live,  
3 it's evil. And people say we shouldn't do it,  
4 but every one of them does it.

5 In this particular case, there is one  
6 legislator from District 20, who was in southern  
7 Grand Forks County that -- yeah, by Emerado, that  
8 would become part of this District 19. So if  
9 anyone tells you they don't look by the income,  
10 they're lying. Just saying. They also know  
11 whether opponents live too. Trust me. I've  
12 checked, for other people.

13 Now, let's go to the -- and again,  
14 minimal change. Okay. Then let's go to, I  
15 believe, 42. Now, when you look at the  
16 traditional districting principles of  
17 compactness, county lines, communities of  
18 interest, core of existing districts, a couple of  
19 the items are quite subjective. And those that  
20 are subjective is the idea of communities of  
21 interest. If Representative Headland wants a  
22 particular area in his district, not him, but  
23 someone like him might say, "Well, they have a  
24 community interest with this, this, and this."  
25 It's subjective.



1           The other one that's subjective is  
2   gerrymandering, which is the term that should you  
3   use if you don't like the plan in front of you.  
4   So when you see this particular one, you see that  
5   -- well, I better not call it that. Let's just  
6   say that little indentation -- no, "exdentation"  
7   that goes out on the right side of District 42,  
8   that is the current District 42. Didn't change  
9   at all.

10           The only change is, because they were  
11   close to 4000 people short, they gained Brenna  
12   Township, which previously was in the city of  
13   Grand Forks' districts, and they extended out to  
14   the Air Force Base, which was also in the city of  
15   Grand Forks. It was in District 18. And then  
16   they took half of the air base that had been in  
17   District 20. The air base had been split in two.  
18   So the only difference here -- all of these areas  
19   except that area on the west end of the Air Force  
20   Base were already in city districts. And  
21   District 42 then, with those two additions, came  
22   out fine.

23           The next district is District 43, which  
24   is the only total in-city district now, and don't  
25   worry about that gerrymandering-looking finger.



1 It is not a legislator being protected. It's the  
2 right-of-way of the highway or something, and we  
3 can't get it out. But it will be removed. Yeah.  
4 Don't worry about that.

5 Okay. Minimal change in District 43.  
6 The area to the right is District 17, the one  
7 towards the bottom. That's the one that had 4000  
8 excess people, and those people were moved, shall  
9 we say, to other districts. So District 43 gave  
10 up some folks, actually, a minimal number of  
11 folks. If you look over on the far right of it,  
12 you've got that street that kind of wiggles down.  
13 Wiggles. Yeah, the wiggle. Okay. That area was  
14 in District 43. That moved to take 18 to help  
15 them with their numbers.

16 The rest of that area, there was no  
17 change for 43. And then south of 40th Avenue  
18 South, you see that rectangle there, where the  
19 cursor is, that is excess population from  
20 District 17 to move into their District. So  
21 that's District 43.

22 Next district is 17, and again, this is  
23 a concept. So if you're writing about it, we can  
24 shake our Etch A Sketch. There was one other  
25 area. Could you go back to 43? I neglected an



1 area that -- it was one other change.

2 The border -- the dividing line in Grand  
3 Forks we had used before was, you know, either a  
4 township line or 42nd Avenue South, but if you go  
5 to the right -- no, left -- well, whatever. Go  
6 over there. Right there. You were right. No.  
7 Over to the other side. Yeah. No. In 43. No,  
8 in 43. Right there. Now move it over just a  
9 quarter inch. There. No. Back. Back. No.  
10 The other way. There. Okay. Stop.

11 That area there, between the interstate  
12 and 42nd, was in 17, and that has The Verge,  
13 which is a large apartment complex. Many  
14 students live there, and I visited with the folks  
15 who were in District 43. And they would like it,  
16 and it made sense to use the interstate as the  
17 border. So we moved that. That was another  
18 change that I neglected to comment on.

19 So let's now go to 17. And, again, 17,  
20 your western border now, which used to be  
21 township lines, et cetera, is now the interstate,  
22 which makes sense. The addition into 17 is where  
23 the cursor is right now. That is Walle Township  
24 over to the interstate. A couple reasons for  
25 that. Number one, we didn't need more



1 population, and we wanted to keep our populations  
2 minimal. And we did not want to draw the city of  
3 Thompson into a Grand Forks district. That just  
4 doesn't make a lot of sense from the standpoint  
5 of the people who live in Thompson, so that's why  
6 we use the interstate.

7 Okay. Going north in the district now,  
8 you will see -- can you make it a little bigger?  
9 And once more. There.

10 Pretty square lines. Starting in the  
11 top by the river, that is golf course, and you  
12 know, and what do you do? You either go way  
13 north or way south, but that's a golf course.  
14 And then, the district now, which used to go up  
15 to 8th Avenue South -- 17th -- 8th Avenue, now  
16 goes down to 17th. That whole north part went  
17 into District 18 because they needed thousands of  
18 people.

19 And so we squared that off completely,  
20 and then we use Washington, which is a major  
21 thoroughfare, 40th Avenue South. And then to  
22 balance it out because, at the end of the day, 17  
23 needed some people back, we took the area that is  
24 that little rectangle up there. This district is  
25 much bigger today than it was when the census was



1 taken. There are huge apartment complexes that  
2 have gone in too along Washington, so one can  
3 expect that in ten years, when we're all still  
4 here, or if most of us were still here, that it  
5 will have been much larger than it is today.

6 Okay. And anytime there's any  
7 questions, certainly you can ask. Okay. And  
8 then let's go up to District 18, the last one. I  
9 learned an awful lot about how to use this  
10 computer system. And I've forgotten it all  
11 already because, if you don't do it constantly,  
12 those tool boxes disappear, and you don't know  
13 what to do.

14 District 18, of course, was short of  
15 people. They got a handful of people from  
16 District 43, as I pointed out in that corner.  
17 They took, and it was very painful, but they took  
18 everything north of 17th Avenue South including  
19 Dairy Queen. By the way, I did give up both  
20 Walmarts in this plan, and so it was painful.  
21 But it had to be done.

22 The rest of the borders of 18 are the  
23 way they were until you get up to the north end  
24 of Grand Forks. District 18, before, used to go  
25 out to the air base, so they would have Rye,



1 Falconer, and these townships. And they don't  
2 any longer, but in order for us to pick up the  
3 hundreds of people that we needed, and it wasn't  
4 a lot, we went north and picked up Ferry  
5 Township, which includes the city of Manvel.

6 And you might say, "Oh, my God, they put  
7 a city into Grand Forks." But keep in mind, the  
8 Manvel people go to Central High School in Grand  
9 Forks. I mean, there's community of interest --  
10 sorry to use that term, but sometimes it's useful  
11 -- community of interest in that. So that would  
12 be the new District 18. They had some tears,  
13 some people who I had visited with, but again, it  
14 is the numbers.

15 And those are the changes that are,  
16 shall we say, on the block, and you know, you all  
17 and the legislature and that can certainly make  
18 changes. But it was a way to start. It's a  
19 minimalist change. Within the city of Grand  
20 Forks, there were no incumbent legislators.  
21 We're not supposed to say we look at that, but  
22 that is considered one of the traditional  
23 district principles, good, bad, or ugly. There  
24 were no incumbents moved from their district to  
25 another district.





1           And so I don't really have much else to  
2 say. If there are questions --

3           UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Mr. Chairman?

4           Senator Holmberg, nice job by the way.  
5 How many people at a military base actually vote  
6 in North Dakota? Probably not a lot though.

7           SENATOR HOLMBERG: It's not a large  
8 number, but we have continually counted them  
9 completely, as I believe we should. The first  
10 race that I ran back, you know -- I mean, we were  
11 through with horses, but they did have cars.  
12 There were 991 votes cast on the Grand Forks Air  
13 Force Base in 1976. I remember that, and they  
14 overwhelmingly voted in one particular direction.  
15 And not a criticism but, some years later, the  
16 County decided that they weren't going to have a  
17 voting precinct on the base so the base was  
18 connected with Rye, Falconer, and whatever the  
19 other township is; I forget right now.

20           And those numbers are much, much lower.  
21 I can't tell you exact number, but they are  
22 significantly lower than they used to be.

23           UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Thank you.

24           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative  
25 Schauer.



1 REPRESENTATIVE SCHAUER: Thank you,  
2 Mr. Chairman, Senator. I guess the follow-up  
3 question would be why split the Grand Forks Air  
4 Force Base? It seems like that would be a  
5 community of interest. And also, if you could  
6 outline what the ideal number is in each district  
7 and then the percentage or the leeway, the give,  
8 between, you know, what's the low end and the  
9 high end. And are all the districts in that part  
10 of the state within that leeway?

11 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Number one, the Grand  
12 Forks Air Force Base was divided ten years ago,  
13 and that was because of the fact that it's  
14 arithmetic. They needed the numbers in District  
15 20. This particular suggestion includes the  
16 entire air base in the same district. Okay. The  
17 deviations in that particular area in the  
18 districts are, in District -- and they're all low  
19 because, again, it's an area that doesn't have  
20 people.

21 District 43 is minus 3 percent.  
22 District 18 is minus 2.2. District 17 is minus 3  
23 percent. District 42 is minus 0.9. And District  
24 19 is minus 2.9. So they all fall within the  
25 five up and five below, but yeah, that -- the



1 reason the base was -- they tried to divide the  
2 base back in 1981 when we did redistricting.  
3 Yep, in '81. But the problem was the Census  
4 Bureau didn't have anything but just one number  
5 for the base.

6 So they had that data in 2011, and  
7 that's why the base was split. And I'm not sure.  
8 I would have to ask.

9 Representative Bellew, your air base is  
10 split. Is that correct?

11 Okay. So it has happened before. It's  
12 a number of people, but the voter participation  
13 is not overly high.

14 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator, I believe  
15 Representative Monson has a question. He's on  
16 Teams this morning.

17 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Thank you,  
18 Mr. Chairman.

19 Senator Holmberg, concerning the air  
20 base, what has happened to the population on the  
21 air base over the years as the mission of the air  
22 base has changed?

23 SENATOR HOLMBERG: I don't have the  
24 exact number. I'm sure Emily can find it. I  
25 want to say -- if you told me what Minot's was, I



1 could tell you. Are you 5500?

2 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: 12,000.

3 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Is that what the  
4 census is on the base?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: I don't know what  
6 the census (indiscernible).

7 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Yeah. Anyway, I  
8 want -- I can't remember, and I've seen it. It's  
9 either 2002 or 5002. It's some number.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: 5017.

11 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Where?

12 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Just over -- Minot  
13 Air Force Base.

14 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Okay. So then we  
15 would be about 2000-something I'm guessing. I  
16 know we're less.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: Mr. Chairman?

18 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Bellew.

20 REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: Not you.

21 I think that's just the number of GIs on  
22 the base. That doesn't count the dependents.

23 SENATOR HOLMBERG: No. They would count  
24 everybody.

25 REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: It's just the



1 number of GIs. So if you count the dependents,  
2 Minot Air Force Base is closer to 12- or 13,000.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: That's true.

4 SENATOR HOLMBERG: But what does the  
5 census tell us? That's what you worship.

6 REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: Oh, okay.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: 5017.

8 REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: Is that what it  
9 is?

10 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Then worship that  
11 number.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: Oh, sorry.

13 SENATOR HOLMBERG: No. I mean --

14 REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: I didn't know.

15 SENATOR HOLMBERG: You know, we can only  
16 deal with the numbers. Did that answer your  
17 question? I think it's 2000. Emily is looking.

18 MS. THOMPSON: Are you looking at the  
19 Grand Forks, or --

20 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Grand Forks.

21 MS. THOMPSON: Yep. The Grand Forks,  
22 you can see that highlighted on the overhead up  
23 here, and in this summary table, you can see the  
24 total population of that highlighted area is 2002  
25 people.



1 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Oh, I remembered  
2 something. It's a good day.

3 Okay. Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Further questions for  
5 Senator Holmberg?

6 Seeing none. Thank you very much.

7 SENATOR HOLMBERG: You're welcome.

8 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Appreciate your  
9 efforts.

10 You know, and Senator Holmberg alluded  
11 to this, but you know, part of the issue you  
12 face, whether it's northeast or anywhere else,  
13 and he mentioned District 9, you know, they're  
14 short, let's say, 4200 people. District 10 is  
15 short 3000. District 19 is short 3000. District  
16 20 is short 2000. District 23 is short 3000. So  
17 that's what you're trying to juggle, those kind  
18 of numbers in the northeast, and I'm sure, as you  
19 know, we're going to run into that all over the  
20 state except probably in the major cities.

21 So Senator Sorvaag, do you want to give  
22 us a brief, probably not quite as in-depth, but  
23 on where you're at at this stage in the Cass  
24 County area?

25 SENATOR SORVAAG: This is on. Okay.



1 Mr. Chairman, there's not going to be much map.  
2 I'm going to have Emily bring up a couple things  
3 zooming in. I gave her no warning until about  
4 two minutes ago, but we have been working on maps  
5 in Cass County. And there's been some  
6 discussion. The members of the Committee from  
7 Cass County is Representative Shauer,  
8 Representative Boschee, and myself.

9 And there's been more communication,  
10 some than others, but we're looking. But I'm  
11 going to give everybody kind of an overview of  
12 what we're looking in Cass County and the  
13 southeast corner of the state. And the first  
14 thing I'm going to do is Richland County. And at  
15 the present time, Richland County is split kind  
16 of in half north to south. Part of it sits in  
17 26; part of it's in 25. And Richland County has  
18 a few people from the south end of Cass County,  
19 probably 1000 to 1500 or somewhere in that  
20 neighborhood.

21 But because of the discussion of last  
22 Committee, and it was an example, and directions  
23 that come, Richland County is 47 people within  
24 being a perfect district. So that makes it  
25 extremely difficult to not make it its own



1 district. It's not only the fact that it's a  
2 perfect size, but it's in the corner of the  
3 state. So you basically have two sides of it  
4 blocked off from any changes.

5 So, as I go forward explaining Cass  
6 County, I am dealing with the presumption that  
7 those people at 25 and in Cass County won't be in  
8 Richland County or part of 25 anymore. So that's  
9 the first premise that we dealt with as we're  
10 trying to look as to map.

11 And I want to back up. The reason I'm  
12 not showing you a detailed map, I've drawn  
13 multiple. I know Representative Boschee has  
14 worked on some and Representative Shauer. But  
15 this is Cass County, and we're here to hear from  
16 Cass County people. We want -- it's an open  
17 process because we are in kind of a unique  
18 position. Bismarck might be similar, but we can  
19 exist in ourselves in Cass County.

20 We have 184,000-some people. We can  
21 absorb them all into -- we have ten districts  
22 right now in parts of three. We can put all 11  
23 districts that we will have and absorb all of  
24 Cass County because we have a population for  
25 11.13. But --





1 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Mr. Chairman?

2 SENATOR SORVAAG: -- that's not what  
3 we're --

4 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Question,  
5 Mr. Chairman?

6 SENATOR SORVAAG: Mr. Chairman, we --

7 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl.

8 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Thank you,  
9 Mr. Chairman. Sorry to interrupt Senator  
10 Sorvaag, but just to go back to the Richland  
11 County issue, there's a small portion of the  
12 reservation that extends into the neighboring  
13 county to the west. You would be including that  
14 with Richland County to keep that continuous.  
15 Wouldn't you?

16 SENATOR SORVAAG: Mr. Chairman,  
17 Senator Bekkedahl, in the mapping I've done, I've  
18 put that chunk of reservation in Sargent County.  
19 So it does change the numbers a little bit, so  
20 no. It isn't showing there. And I just wanted  
21 Emily to bring the county up, and that will be  
22 part of our discussion. But every mapping I've  
23 done, I take that whole of the reservation and  
24 put it in Sargent County and take it out of  
25 Richland.



1           So it does skew their numbers down a  
2   hundred or so. There's only a couple hundred  
3   people up in that corner of the reservation  
4   that's North Dakota residents.

5           SENATOR BEKKEDAH: I just wanted to  
6   make sure we were keeping the reservation a  
7   continuous (indiscernible) --

8           SENATOR SORVAAG: That is -- you see any  
9   map I've drawn, that stays whole coming out of  
10   Richland. District could go either way, but the  
11   majority of the land area is in Sargent County.

12          CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Oban.

13          SENATOR OBAN: And even if you put the  
14   entire reservation land that lies within North  
15   Dakota's borders into Richland, you're still  
16   within 0.13 of the -- I mean, it's --

17          SENATOR SORVAAG: It --

18          SENATOR OBAN: So either way it should  
19   stay together. But it doesn't make a significant  
20   change in the numbers if you put it in Richland  
21   either.

22          SENATOR SORVAAG: It could go either  
23   way. It's totally insignificant to any of the  
24   percentage with either side. It's not like  
25   you're dealing in other areas. It's such a small



1 amount. But because of the landmasses, you see  
2 most of the reservation is in Sargent. But all  
3 these plans, and that's why you don't see a  
4 detailed map, are open to discussion. Yeah.

5 So let's go to Cass County and the  
6 footprints that we've been talking about. And  
7 I'm going to -- we would have 11.13 districts.  
8 So we basically are about 200 people over the  
9 ideal size if we took all of Cass County and put  
10 it in those 11 districts.

11 But at is this point, in discussions  
12 with the Chairman and Senator Holmberg, who are  
13 working hard on that north end, and especially  
14 for District 20, who -- there's really an issue  
15 how they're going to look, in all the plans I'm  
16 working on, the top two row of townships across  
17 the whole north end of Cass County is not in the  
18 plans that I'm drawing for our area. There's  
19 about 835 people in that top two townships across  
20 the whole length of the county.

21 And it's kind of hard to see, but those  
22 800-and-some are not being put in any plan that  
23 I'm working on and I -- because did we think  
24 they'll need it.

25 And the other aberration in the



1 southwest corner, District 24, the Valley City  
2 area district already has that corner of Cass  
3 County, the southwest. And there's a 1,000 -- I  
4 think -- 34 or 40 people in the corner. We're  
5 keeping them out of the equation for now because  
6 we don't know what that side bumping in is going  
7 to need to finish off their population.

8           So if you take those two areas out, we  
9 are within 200 people of being 11 perfect  
10 districts in Cass County. If we need to bring  
11 them back in, we can bring them back in. And  
12 that's the reason I'm not showing detailed maps,  
13 besides we have a lot of discussion. But what do  
14 we deal with the other, the other 11 districts  
15 are all packed in that metro area except for 22  
16 has most of the rural. And they will absorb part  
17 of what 25 comes in.

18           And my district, Number 45, has a narrow  
19 band of two townships along the river going up,  
20 and I've had that now for quite a while. So  
21 that's in 45. Most of the rest of the rural  
22 would be in 22.

23           And then a real problem is we all saw  
24 the numbers on what districts though. And you  
25 get it the metro area, District 16 had 10,384



1 people too many. District 27 had 10,670 people  
2 too many. District 22 had 5419 too many. So  
3 we've got a whole lot of people, but then we're  
4 sitting on -- I'm on the very north end of town  
5 and part rural; I'm short 1000. But the next  
6 district south of me is District 44, and District  
7 44 is short 3000 people.

8 And a lot of our areas, we grew a  
9 little, but it isn't we shrunk. It's just we  
10 didn't grow enough to deal with the fact that  
11 each district is larger. You get below 44s,  
12 District 21, they're 1200 people short. The  
13 whole core city's short. District 11, 1900  
14 short. That comes down the tier. You go below  
15 that, and you got districts of thousands.

16 So the reason for this is we have to get  
17 those districts to those people where all the  
18 excess population is, and that's what we're  
19 working on. And a lot of the plan I've worked  
20 on, and like I said, Representative Shauer's seen  
21 some of -- I'm calling and consulting people.  
22 It's pretty complicated. And I did visit a  
23 little bit Representative Boschee, but he hasn't  
24 seen the -- but we're starting at the top.

25 If you fill 1000 into 45, now I've got



1 44 right below me, 4000 short. So if I push 44  
2 down, which I can do and I did, now I've got  
3 District 21, 5000. It's a domino effect, and we  
4 can do it. But we're moving -- all from the  
5 north down has to be moved. As Senator Holmberg  
6 said, it's numbers. Bottom line, it's numbers  
7 and where the people live, if we're going to keep  
8 these districts, their core together.

9 And then, as you get down there,  
10 somewhere in that configuration will be a new  
11 district coming out of that because they all butt  
12 together. And another focus I've looked at is  
13 West Fargo is predominantly 13 and 16. 45 has a  
14 little West Fargo; 27 has a little West Fargo; 22  
15 has a little West Fargo today. And all of us  
16 will have parts of it because they're too big for  
17 two districts. But most of 16 and 13, I think,  
18 will be just about all West Fargo.

19 So what we're -- areas of interest,  
20 we're trying to build around those. So that is  
21 kind of -- everybody's coming south and then  
22 we're crush into this large population. And then  
23 we're coming up from the south end with  
24 communities of Oxbow that come out of 25 and  
25 Horace, which is one of the fastest-growing



1 communities.

2 We're attempting to look at making those  
3 part of their own -- they will have parts of  
4 Fargo and West Fargo, numbers don't allow it.  
5 But that -- again, common interest trying to look  
6 at it as a district absorbing those communities  
7 down in there.

8 So that, you know, it's a little bit --  
9 and when we say "community," we talk about  
10 highways. We talk about main streets, that  
11 they're dividing lines. Well, let's remember  
12 they're only there because they put them for  
13 convenience. And I was visiting with  
14 Representative Boschee. He's in North Fargo.  
15 I'm in North Fargo. We identify ourselves by our  
16 elementary schools. I live in Longfellow. I've  
17 been there 40-some years.

18 If I talk to a northsider and they say,  
19 "Oh, we're in the McKinley area," I know where  
20 they live. That's our identifying, so some of  
21 that, I'm looking at as part of it besides just  
22 the main street. We get into the south part and  
23 the old areas, it's the same thing. You get into  
24 Districts 11, it's Clara Barton. I mean, that's  
25 how all the Fargonians look at it.



1           And then we call where 11 is, near South  
2   Fargo. So we have our own definitions, and we  
3   know our areas. So some of that thought is going  
4   into the process. We have a unique elementary  
5   school, Madison, which my Quanta Club, but at  
6   that time a few years ago, the primary language  
7   at home was different in English. But once that  
8   school, there was 38 different languages were the  
9   primary languages at home. So there's a  
10   conscious effort.

11           And I'm trying to explain we're putting  
12   more thoughts than shuffling numbers, that those  
13   neighborhoods stay together, that they're  
14   compactive, that they're in the same. We have  
15   the Jefferson area. It's very similar to the  
16   Madison. So we're looking at all that.

17           And then we get into South Fargo and  
18   Southwest Fargo and developers build differently  
19   than they did 60 years ago. Everything's a  
20   development, so the identity is Prairiewood,  
21   Osgood, this and that. And they are extremely  
22   hard to split apart without making a map look  
23   pretty ugly. So we're working on that number  
24   too. That is just some of the areas as we divvy  
25   up the population.





1           Taking the 2000 out, we still got to  
2   spread 182,000-some people amongst these  
3   districts, and that's why you don't see a map at  
4   this point because we want to hear if there's  
5   input from our community. And even if you don't  
6   testify today, if you're listening or you're  
7   here, you can reach out and talk to us because  
8   we're trying to get this to me sense at the end  
9   of the day, and I think we will. And our  
10   uniqueness is we don't affect the rest of the  
11   state is how we can figure those, except these  
12   two pieces at the edge.

13           So yeah. It's just Cass County, but  
14   there's a lot of work going into it. And that's  
15   kind of a summary of the nature of what we're  
16   looking at, and I'd be glad to stand for  
17   questions that the Chairman or anyone else had.

18           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Questions from the  
19   Committee?

20           Seeing none. Thank you.

21           Sorry. Senator Klein, I apologize.

22           SENATOR KLIEN: Well, I think quickly,  
23   you know, you were talking about those townships  
24   in the north side of Northern Cass County, some  
25   of that decision will have to be made as we



1 develop that northern tier of, you know, Traill  
2 County. And so you're going to be hanging in  
3 limbo sort of until a decision would be made as  
4 to how that, you know -- every change affects the  
5 next district. So are you a bid in limbo because  
6 of --

7 SENATOR SORVAAG: Yes.

8 SENATOR KLIEN: -- as -- well, as we  
9 develop.

10 SENATOR SORVAAG: I mean, yes, it is.

11 SENATOR KLIEN: Okay.

12 SENATOR SORVAAG: There's -- and again,  
13 I'm only thinking out loud of what I've worked  
14 on. That north tier is easier to absorb because  
15 there's about 800-and-some people. About a third  
16 of it would go to 45, what I envision, and  
17 two-thirds would go to 22. So we could absorb  
18 that.

19 The real problem that's going to hold us  
20 up from finishing is what happens in that  
21 southwest corner because there's 1000, I think,  
22 it's 34 or 40 people in 24 in that corner. And  
23 if 20 comes back -- doesn't take, it's that north  
24 tier comes back in and that southwest comes back  
25 in, District 22 now has 15 or 1600 additional



1 people. And the only place they get that is they  
2 push more into West Fargo. They still have part  
3 of West Fargo. They had part of Horace, West  
4 Fargo before.

5 And the minute you push that 12, 1500  
6 people for 22, or take away somehow, and now  
7 you've got to move everybody because if you move  
8 the district next to them, whether it's on the  
9 north, the south, or the east, you just skewed  
10 their numbers. So yeah. More -- if they both  
11 come in, the southwest will affect what we do  
12 more than the north because the population --  
13 because the southwest affects one district. The  
14 north affects two, so it dilutes the numbers at  
15 the end of the day.

16 SENATOR KLEIN: And if I can --

17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You may.

18 SENATOR KLEIN: Is there -- is the word  
19 commonality in the north? I know we've talked  
20 about -- I know. Cass County has become an urban  
21 county. I get that, but are there still -- is  
22 that a rural setting up where you're having  
23 those --

24 SENATOR SORVAAG: These two-thirds of  
25 the north county -- I'm talking two townships.



1 The communities you'll be talking is Grandin and  
2 Hunter, North Dakota. It takes two-thirds of the  
3 length. They are presently in District 20. And  
4 if you want to talk commonality, there's no  
5 problem with them in District 20. They've been  
6 in District 20 for a long time. That's nothing  
7 new.

8 The other part that you're looking at  
9 has been in 22 for a long, long time on the north  
10 tier. That's the Page area. But that's the  
11 three communities that fit into those townships  
12 across that northern tier. But no. The east  
13 two-thirds have been part of District 20 at least  
14 the last ten, and they might not have been  
15 before. There area's -- if you go back historic  
16 at least ten years, there's been a lot of  
17 movements going on.

18 But no. They're tied to 20 right now,  
19 Traill County. And when you talk commonality,  
20 they could go either way. We take Grandin; if it  
21 would come down to 45, that would join it to  
22 Gardner, Argusville, Woods -- well, they all go  
23 to Northern Cass. So those people go, actually,  
24 to the school that's down in Cass County. So  
25 you'd have to talk to the senators from -- but



1 there's commonality either way. That's why I  
2 don't see there's a problem either way.

3 It's a numbers, where do they need it  
4 the most, and I don't think you'd have objections  
5 from the citizens either way because they're  
6 going to fit in.

7 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I believe  
8 Representative Monson had a question.

9 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 And I guess you've just been touching a  
12 little bit on my question. District 20 lies  
13 between Grand Forks and Cass County, and I was  
14 just wondering how they match up number-wise, and  
15 how big of a problem are we going to have if  
16 we're squeezing 20 from the north and 20 from the  
17 south? Are they going to be okay?

18 SENATOR SORVAAG: I would leave that  
19 answer to Senator Holmberg and Representative  
20 Devlin because they're -- it's not the cop-out,  
21 but it is because I really don't know. I was  
22 asked that we protect -- work with a design that  
23 these 800 people are available if they need it.  
24 And they're the ones that are kind of designing  
25 the northeast, so I would look to Senator



1 Holmberg on that.

2 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.

3 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Mr. Chairman, of  
4 course, like when you do a picture puzzle, you  
5 start on the corners and work in, and  
6 unfortunately, for their location, Traill County  
7 kind of ends up being crushed from both ends.  
8 Clearly, their future, as far as getting enough  
9 people for a district is to the north or to the  
10 west. It's not south. They just can't be  
11 absorbed down south. So they have that  
12 particular question.

13 There are alternatives that can be  
14 explored as far as District -- what is currently  
15 District 20. If they went north, you'd have to  
16 do something with 19 and with 10 because -- I  
17 kind of looked at that border that I had around  
18 the city of Grand Forks. You're not going to  
19 change that because we don't want to take in more  
20 rural areas into the city.

21 So you could go north, and that would  
22 have implications. But that has implications  
23 that kind of just move across over to District 9  
24 and the Rolette area. Or they can go west, but  
25 as you go west, you have the situation, you know,



1 you can get some people from Cass County,  
2 Northern Cass County for District 20. You can  
3 get Steele County, Griggs County, and Barnes  
4 County, but you also have folks in those areas  
5 needing those people for their dreams.

6 So Traill County is a challenge, just  
7 like if you resolve Traill County, then maybe  
8 Nelson County becomes an orphan that needs to be  
9 taken care of. But, at the end of the day, Emily  
10 won't let us draw a map that has a county just  
11 left out. We've got to gobble them all up in  
12 some manner. So it's a challenge, but it's a  
13 challenge that needs to be addressed soon so that  
14 you can finish up on Cass County. And then the  
15 problem moves west.

16 I would add -- Emily, if you'd blow that  
17 Northern Cass County area you have. Just make it  
18 a little more clear to -- besides the Committee  
19 but if anybody else, what exactly we're talking  
20 about. Blow it up a little bit more. Now go to  
21 the north end. Right across there.

22 That's the north end of Cass County I'm  
23 talking about, and you can keep going west to the  
24 county line. But that's in 29, but that little  
25 area -- go left. My left, your right. You'll



1 see two rows up in there, two census blocks up in  
2 the northwest. That's in 22 now, but we're  
3 reserving that out for 20 at this point. So  
4 that's the tier I'm talking about.

5 Then you want to look down on the  
6 bottom; it looks like a chair. That's the part  
7 of Cass County that's in District 24 now.  
8 There's about 1000 people. So that's the two --  
9 and, like I said, Cass County is perfect without  
10 those two areas. We have exactly within a few  
11 hundred people of the right amount to do 11  
12 districts, but we can absorb -- but that's the  
13 area he was looking at. And then if you see that  
14 all that big area in the middle is 22 of the  
15 rural now.

16 And then just to your left, over there  
17 to 45, that's a part of rural 45 that I have. So  
18 we could absorb the north, doesn't affect a lot,  
19 but if you absorb the southwest and the north, we  
20 will be what you see, that whole glob of numbers  
21 that are the districts in there. They will be  
22 affected because it's a matter -- it's pure math.  
23 You bring in 1800 more people, you got to shuffle  
24 everybody. You can't just do it in one district.  
25 You go way beyond the ranges.





1                   So whatever ends up happening, but we  
2   left that as room so they can work with their  
3   problem to the north. And the problems we're  
4   working. So anyway --

5                   CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Questions from the  
6   Committee?

7                   Seeing none. Thank you.

8                   SENATOR SORVAAG: Okay.

9                   CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative  
10   Boschee.

11                  REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Thank you,  
12   Mr. Chairman. If you'd let me, I'd like to  
13   visit -- I had put together a graph map. Wasn't  
14   sure if I was going to distribute it or not, but  
15   I think just to continue the conversation of what  
16   Senator Sorvaags said. There's a lot of  
17   similarities, but there's going to be some  
18   differences. And especially if we want input  
19   specifically from folks here, it'll certainly get  
20   some talking points.

21                  CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. Certainly, we  
22   would want that.

23                  REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Emily did you  
24   receive my email?

25                  MS. THOMPSON: Yeah.



1 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHÉE: Thank you.

2 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the  
3 Committee. Senator Oban's helping me hand out  
4 some hardcopies for folks. And my apologies to  
5 the staff for not going through drafting services  
6 for this. So it's going to be a little chunky  
7 compared to what Senator Holmberg had, but it'll  
8 give you an idea.

9 You know, as the other folks have  
10 spoken, those of us that have had access to a  
11 laptop and the software have come with a variety  
12 of versions, and one of the unique things I think  
13 is happening, especially when we look at places  
14 like Cass County, is that the numbers work out in  
15 our favor to pretty evenly provide 11 legislative  
16 districts within Cass County.

17 So for the purposes of the map that  
18 you're receiving that'll also be on screen here  
19 in PDF, and there'll be some extras for folks in  
20 the audience, I started specifically with the  
21 idea that we're looking at Cass County, divide  
22 that by 11 districts. And then as we've talked,  
23 I'm continuing to advocate for a stronger rural  
24 identified legislative district.

25 So what is presently District 22, and as



1 Senator Sorvaag talked about, this would absorb  
2 those areas out of District 24 and District 20.  
3 So starting with the rural is where I started,  
4 and then, with the mapping function, for those  
5 that don't know, we're able to just self-isolate  
6 the cities. So I was able to basically take out  
7 Fargo and West Fargo and let those be stand-alone  
8 building blocks. And my maps then also reflect  
9 as clean as possible that legislative districts  
10 follow the lines of the cities of Fargo and the  
11 city of West Fargo.

12 And, as Emily on the screen there, you  
13 can see the standard deviation. When we divide  
14 those 11 districts, with the maps that I've put  
15 together, and again, this is for discussion  
16 purposes, you can see that we, for the most part,  
17 have been able to keep districts within a few  
18 hundred folks. And so, again, the math of 11  
19 districts in Cass County is pretty clean for us.

20 Emily, if you could go to the next PDF.

21 I have this broken down, for those of  
22 you that have packets, into two sections to give  
23 us all a generality of how these districts would  
24 lay next to each other. You have 13th Avenue and  
25 north, and then 13th Avenue and south. And I



1     tried as best as I could with my scribbly  
2     handwriting to give those identifying main  
3     thruways throughout Fargo and West Fargo.

4             So again District 22 would encompass all  
5     of rural and would exclude, for the most part,  
6     city of Fargo and West Fargo and the city of -- I  
7     believe they included Horace in 22 in my final  
8     version. So you can see how they -- again,  
9     that's 13th Avenue north -- or 13th Avenue south  
10    and north, and then 13th Avenue south and south,  
11    how the districts relate to one another.

12            The challenge, of course, and Senator  
13    Sorvaag alluded to this, was that, especially in  
14    our core districts or the districts specifically  
15    within the core of the city of Fargo, we have a  
16    loss of population for redistricting purposes  
17    because each district needs to find 2000 more  
18    people. And then within some of our areas, there  
19    just isn't growth. We were already compact  
20    neighborhoods that you can't really build much  
21    unless you tear down a few houses and build up an  
22    apartment building, which we saw in the downtown  
23    district and benefited District 21 as it  
24    currently stands.

25            So starting -- what I did after building



1 District 22 as just solely rural, I started at  
2 the north with District 45, and so that, I  
3 believe, is the fourth or fifth page in the  
4 packet. I'll let Emily catch up.

5 You can see there, District 22 would  
6 have all of rural Cass County.

7 And if you wouldn't mind going to the  
8 next page, Emily.

9 And this is what District 45 -- to the  
10 north, would include the -- all the way north of  
11 Harwood. It would follow the Red River along the  
12 east down to 19th Avenue north, carry over to the  
13 northern half or the northern side of NDSU's  
14 campus, and then follow the railroad tracks,  
15 which bisects 12th Avenue there, down to 7th  
16 Avenue, and then heads to the west and  
17 reconnecting.

18 So essentially, I'm maintaining a chunk  
19 of 45 as it exists. 45 then would absorb  
20 actually the northern precinct of 44, but the  
21 trade-off for that, based on their map, is that  
22 the main campus, which is currently part of 45,  
23 would then be put into 44.

24 Again, my goal with this was to use main  
25 thruways as an identifier as we do the



1     redistricting to see how kind of clean these maps  
2     can look regardless of, you know -- and I think  
3     there is value in some of the things Senator  
4     Sorvaag talked about, especially in our core  
5     neighborhoods, how we identify with some of our  
6     schools and our school districts.

7             If you go to the next page, you'll see  
8     what District 44 would look like. I don't know  
9     what we would call this shape, but on the north  
10    end would be 19th Avenue North over to campus,  
11    NDSU, swoop down following the railroad tracks,  
12    which again, bisects 12th Avenue and then goes  
13    down to its current line, which takes us down to  
14    5th Avenue.

15            And so that's an entire -- for those of  
16    you who are not familiar with the city of Fargo,  
17    that's a railroad track that also bisects the  
18    north of downtown. And so that would encompass  
19    then the Oak Grove neighborhood, which currently  
20    exists in 44, Horace Mann and Roosevelt. A good  
21    chunk of -- I'm looking at my school now. I'm  
22    going to get in a lot of trouble for that. On  
23    Broadway -- right off Broadway there. Not  
24    McKinley and not Longfellow -- Washington.

25            Thank you. I apologize.



1           So it would be, you know, again, these  
2   clean lines going across. We go down to the next  
3   page, District 21. 21 would then follow 5th  
4   Avenue and 7th Avenue on its north edge all the  
5   way over to 45th Street. So it would extend west  
6   quite a bit compared to where it currently falls,  
7   go down to the interstate, and go back to the  
8   river. So what this is showing is that some of  
9   these districts can be pretty clean when we  
10   follow those main thruways, and the numbers work  
11   out to as close to that 16,576 as possible.

12           Going to the next page, District 11 then  
13   would be on the south side of District 21 again,  
14   following the interstate all the way over to  
15   45th, doglegs a little bit down to 17th Avenue,  
16   over to Veterans down, and then following -- or  
17   excuse me, that was 13th Avenue, then following  
18   I-29 all the way across to the river.

19           So these districts were much more  
20   square, District 11 and 21, then they  
21   currently -- in this proposal, this makes them  
22   more of a rectangle but also maintains the  
23   identity of the city of Fargo. The challenge  
24   with some of these, and those of us in our  
25   community know that as we get farther south into



1 the city of Fargo, is that, while there will be a  
2 city boundary of Fargo, our school district  
3 boundaries overlap significantly. So there are  
4 south parts of Fargo, where someone's a Fargo  
5 resident, but the students go to West Fargo  
6 schools. And that was all part of a long, long  
7 time ago agreed development plan, and it has  
8 worked fairly well for our community so far.

9 Then we go down to District 41, which  
10 would be south of 11, and this would look  
11 different than what currently exists down in that  
12 area. This comprises of what currently is 41 and  
13 46 primarily but would use the interstate as the  
14 northern boundary and then follow 25th Street all  
15 the way down to 64th Avenue. So instead of a  
16 rectangle east-west, it would be a rectangle  
17 north-south, again using those lines as clean  
18 slates.

19 Senator Sorvaag? Oh, sorry.

20 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: It's all right.

21 SENATOR SORVAAG: Mr. Chairman and  
22 Representative Boschee, just a quick question.  
23 You know, part of our charge is to keep those --

24 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Can't hear you.

25 SENATOR SORVAAG: Is it on? Part of our





1 charge is to try to keep districts where they are  
2 if we possibly can. And I'm looking at your page  
3 now, and you've completely relocated 46 and  
4 replaced it with 41. You're completely  
5 relocating 16, replacing it with something else.  
6 And I guess my question is, and I know we can  
7 talk main streets --

8 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Yeah.

9 SENATOR SORVAAG: -- but I can move main  
10 streets all over down there too. What's your  
11 rationale?

12 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Yeah.

13 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Sorvaag, members of the  
14 Committee, again, for the purpose of this map, it  
15 was keeping -- so we'd have a rural district,  
16 then city of Fargo, city of West Fargo districts,  
17 and then following main thruways. So one of my  
18 principles with this wasn't necessarily  
19 maintaining districts as they exist.

20 And that is certainly true, especially  
21 when we get in that southern part of the area, we  
22 see that chopped up quite a bit. We even saw it  
23 on the core neighborhoods about how they went  
24 further west; then they were going south before.  
25 So just for discussion purposes and again showing



1 that, when we follow those lines, what the maps  
2 may look like.

3 Then going into District 46, and as  
4 Senator Sorvaag pointed out too, this would be  
5 completely move what is currently District 46 to  
6 a newer geography, which would be on the west  
7 side of 25th Street. It would follow I-94 on the  
8 north end all the way to Veterans, down to 32nd  
9 Avenue, then doglegs over to 42nd, and then  
10 following back over, I believe that is 40th  
11 Avenue, south to the river.

12 So if we're looking for perfect squares,  
13 this is what some of the districts would look  
14 like in terms of how the census tracks work out.

15 Next page, District 16, again, this  
16 would be neighboring with District 46 on the  
17 south end there. It would take 32nd Avenue south  
18 as the northern border, over to the Sheyenne  
19 River, which is the natural boulder, at least  
20 based on the mapping tools of Fargo and West  
21 Fargo. I believe there is probably some cross  
22 over there as we start looking at it. That  
23 follows it down to 52nd Avenue south, crosses  
24 Veterans 45th, goes back up, and has the east  
25 side of the district.



1           Then we get to 27, which currently is a  
2     large portion of the new development area,  
3     similar to District 22 and District 16 where  
4     we've seen a lot of growth. And so 27, because  
5     as has been alluded to, when we're putting a  
6     puzzle together or taking it apart, when you  
7     start on the one side, you come to the other side  
8     and sometimes it gets a little funky.

9           So District 27 has the unique lines,  
10    especially on the southern borders, because what  
11    that is following, again, is the city of Fargo's  
12    boundaries and the city of West Fargo's  
13    boundaries. So this would be one of the very few  
14    districts that would have both cities  
15    encompassing in it because then south of there  
16    would be considered rural with District 22.

17          So the northern borders there being  
18    Prairie Rose up on 40th Avenue, and same with  
19    counterpart over in West Fargo, that section that  
20    comes out of District 17 would be the District  
21    6 -- or excuse me, District 27 would be the  
22    District 16, and then we'd go down into Frontier.

23          For those of you not familiar with  
24    Fargo, when you look at the center of that  
25    district there, the south central and then the



1 southeast part, that is all white right now, but  
2 that will -- much of that's already filled in  
3 compared to this map and will continue to fill in  
4 over the next ten years as far as population  
5 continues to grow south, so --

6 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative  
7 Boschee, Senator Holmberg had a question.

8 SENATOR HOLMBERG: I had a question. I  
9 noticed with interest that in this 27, you  
10 utilized city limits, and I believe, if my memory  
11 is correct, we've tried to stay away -- tried  
12 to -- stay away from utilizing them because they  
13 move, and we typically try to go and find a  
14 street or some kind of other mapping tool better  
15 than that.

16 Are there such other dividing things?  
17 If this was adopted, I would suggest that you  
18 look strongly at having something other than city  
19 boundaries. Sometimes we have to use them, but  
20 they really are moveable targets.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Yeah. Thank  
22 you, Senator Holmberg. Yeah. And especially  
23 where that line gets a little funny at the  
24 southern part of District 27, there will be many  
25 major thruways that would be able to be used if



1 the Committee were to look at a map similar to  
2 this.

3 Then we get over to the West Fargo area  
4 districts, so District 13 would be on the  
5 northern half of West Fargo, which is, I believe,  
6 a similar footprint to what much of District 13  
7 is, the northern boundary being 12th Avenue  
8 north, which comes through over that industrial  
9 park area, goes down south, includes Main as a  
10 border, Main Avenue, and then down following  
11 Sheyenne through 13th, and then doglegs over to  
12 Veterans through I-94.

13 And then it would neighbor with what  
14 would be considered the new district, so the  
15 purpose of this map, it just says District 99  
16 because I wasn't going to presume which districts  
17 were disappearing or not to give them a new  
18 number. But you can see there then that the  
19 northern boundary is District -- or excuse me,  
20 13th Avenue South, the western border being -- or  
21 excuse me, the western border being the city of  
22 West Fargo boundaries, from the mapping tool, all  
23 the way down to 40th Avenue, follows the Sheyenne  
24 River up to 32nd, and then I-94 as the eastern  
25 boundary.



1           So, again, Mr. Chairman, members of the  
2   Committee, the purpose of this was -- you know,  
3   one of my initial drafts was to just see how can  
4   we -- if there was an opportunity in the mapping  
5   tool to just hit a button and it made us 11  
6   districts, I assume it'd be something similar to  
7   this because, again, it's based on those, the  
8   county, the cities, and then major thruways  
9   withing.

10           So regardless of neighborhoods,  
11   regardless of school districts, regardless of  
12   other lines, the intention was to just show what  
13   the mapping tool can do and what that would look  
14   like for Cass County.

15           I'd stand for any questions.

16           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you. Further  
17   questions?

18           SENATOR SORVAAG: Yeah.

19           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Sorvaag.

20           SENATOR SORVAAG: Mr. Chairman, I --  
21   it's a little philosophical question, and we're  
22   going to have a lot of -- because really, I can  
23   agree with some of what you did.

24           REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Okay.

25           SENATOR SORVAAG: And I think we're --



1 but I would have to disagree with the idea of  
2 calling Horace rural. That's solid city. You're  
3 a realtor.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHÉE: Yes.

5 SENATOR SORVAAG: And to put it in a  
6 rural district, that one I struggle with.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHÉE: I appreciate  
8 that, Senator Sorvaag, Mr. Chairman. And you're  
9 right. Initially I had that in District 27, but  
10 because of the growth in the city, end up having  
11 Horace traded off to 22 to get the numbers to  
12 work. So you're exactly right. I would agree  
13 that -- similar to, I think, the discussion for  
14 Bismarck and Lincoln. Right. Those are  
15 communities that have grown into one another.  
16 They share school districts; they share  
17 infrastructure. Those end up being very  
18 commonality questions. Yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Further questions or  
20 further --

21 Seeing none. Thank you. Thank you very  
22 much.

23 We left some time on the agenda for  
24 comments by interested parties. I just -- the  
25 only thing I would, you know, tell you upfront,



1 remember these are just concepts. This is not  
2 going to be the final plan that the Committee  
3 will be voting on or the legislature would be  
4 voting on. We're just trying to get some  
5 concepts of what we can do in the eastern part of  
6 the state and go from there.

7 But we would welcome public comments at  
8 any of our meetings, so if you have something to  
9 say, please come forward and identify yourself,  
10 Senator Flakoll, and give us your comments.

11 SENATOR FLAKOLL: Mr. Chairman and  
12 Committee members, for the record, I'm Tim  
13 Flakoll. And I'll be short, and I'll be gone.

14 So I first want to thank all of you for  
15 serving on this. I know it's a thankless and  
16 unenviable job that all of you really wanted to  
17 be on. You know, so there's a double-edged  
18 sword, and I really appreciate the road tour  
19 because, otherwise, I wouldn't be able to attend  
20 really or participate.

21 I just want to bring up two points. One  
22 is transcendental to the work you're doing  
23 because a lot of talk kind of on the outside of  
24 this is term limits and those related-type topics  
25 that come up. But, just for your information and





1 the record, in March, I asked legislative council  
2 to provide how many senators have served in the  
3 North Dakota Legislature. To date, 801 senators  
4 have served in the legislature in 132 years.

5 So the turnover rate is 6 per year, 12  
6 per, you know, two-year cycle. And in the  
7 general term that we have in the House and  
8 Senate, in four years that is 24 people, or about  
9 51 percent of the people turnover in any given  
10 year. I know there's been a lot of discussion  
11 about that out in the community and as it relates  
12 to kind of this whole process of elections. So I  
13 just wanted to bring that out there because there  
14 is a lot more turnover and it's good to get that  
15 in front of the public when they're discussing  
16 these matters.

17 And then, in moving on, just a little  
18 something a little different, we'll call it. One  
19 of the things you could consider that would help  
20 in a lot of different ways, and I can't probably  
21 read much of my handwriting, is you could, like  
22 Cities and some Counties do, some Cities and  
23 Counties do with the City Commission and County  
24 Government, you could have them put on the ballot  
25 by their districts and then voted on statewide.



1           So, as an example, you could have, you  
2   know, "I want to vote for this entire party or  
3   that entire party," or they could just mix and  
4   match as they go across the districts because,  
5   again, that would help because you're elected to  
6   represent everyone, not just your own. And it  
7   would help get rid of some of the concerns  
8   about -- you know, that come up from time to time  
9   with not knowing enough about this issue or that  
10   issue because you would, in essence, represent  
11   the entire state.

12           So I just thought that would essentially  
13   remove any claim gerrymandering for sure, but  
14   just something a little different because I know  
15   you're headed down a path that won't be  
16   consistent with this. But you're on meeting  
17   number two, so I just thought I would bring it  
18   forward for that. So no expectation. I'm sure  
19   it'll be as dead as other ideas that will be  
20   forwarded, so --

21           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Does that conclude  
22   your presentation?

23           SENATOR FLAKOLL: That includes my  
24   entire presentation. I said it would be short.

25           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You told me it would



1 be short. I thank -- was there any --

2 SENATOR FLAKOLL: And, by the way, I'm  
3 taking vacation time, so in case anyone --

4 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. Was there any  
5 questions for Mr. Flakoll?

6 Seeing none. Thank you very much.

7 Was there anyone else that wanted to  
8 comment on what we were -- the basic concepts of  
9 what we were talking about this morning?

10 Okay. Okay. Well, I thank you. Like I  
11 said, there's a lot of concepts you're going to  
12 see in the next two or three weeks, and that's  
13 what they are. But this gives us a starting  
14 point because you can't start in the middle of  
15 the state. You have to start on the edges and  
16 the corners.

17 And I thank everyone that presented  
18 today. I think you had a good starting point for  
19 the rest of us. We really appreciate that.

20 And I know it's a little early, but  
21 should we break for an hour now? What would be  
22 your choice?

23 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Sure

24 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. Committee, we  
25 will take a break for one hour for lunch, and



1 we'll come back and move on a little bit further.

2 Is that okay, or would you like to do  
3 some more?

4 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: 12:30?

5 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: 12:30. Thank you.

6 (Recess taken)

7 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: We are 12:30. You're  
8 seeing a discussion of Legislative Redistricting  
9 for the meeting of the state.

10 Senator Bekkedahl, do you got an  
11 overview of what you want to do with Western  
12 North Dakota?

13 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Hey, Mr. Chairman.  
14 If Emily can bring that up, I can just show you a  
15 northwest concept if that helps the Committee.

16 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While she's  
17 bringing that program up, all I dealt with when I  
18 had the computer was the northwest quadrant,  
19 which includes the counties of Williams, Divide,  
20 Burke, and a part of Montrail County. It's the  
21 current Districts 1 and District 2 combined.

22 District 1, which I represent, is  
23 currently about the south two-thirds of the city  
24 of Williston. District 2 took out the north  
25 one-third of Williston and the rest of those



1 counties. Burke County is currently divided  
2 along a major highway, so it's not the entire  
3 Burke County that stays within District 2 at this  
4 point. But historically, most of Burke County  
5 has been with District 2.

6 Montrail County is also split along  
7 Highway 2, and everything over to the east at  
8 Stanly and then Highway 8 up north again up into  
9 Burke County. So it's not the entire counties of  
10 Burke and Montrail right now.

11 What I tried to focus on was the numbers  
12 currently for the new census for District 1 and  
13 District 2, number 48,700 -- and I believe -- 22  
14 people, which if you split that, three ways,  
15 makes each district at about 16,250 -- actually,  
16 247, I believe, but close to 250. So we're  
17 within the guidelines of what the plus or minus 5  
18 percent would be.

19 What you see above there is the green  
20 line that's -- is shown is the current boundaries  
21 of District 2, and I have shown this, by the way,  
22 to a couple of people in that district, and they  
23 like what they see here because it keeps their  
24 current boundaries intact.

25 Emily, if you want to focus on -- the



1 other thing that -- obviously we have the  
2 Canadian border to deal with to the north and the  
3 Montana border to the west, and then the Missouri  
4 River to the south. So those are three major  
5 boundary issues we had to deal with that  
6 currently exists as well.

7 If you want to focus in on District 1,  
8 Emily, if you could please. We'll start there.

9 District 1, which I represent, was  
10 actually over about 3000 people in the current  
11 census from what our district should be. And  
12 District 2 was over approximately 13,000 from  
13 where we should be. What I did there is the  
14 green line that looks like it goes to the south  
15 there, that's just the McKensie, Williams County  
16 boundary line, which is somewhere within the  
17 Missouri River separating those two counties.

18 The northern boundary of District 1,  
19 right there, Emily, is 26th Street. Prior to  
20 redistricting this time, District 1 actually  
21 extended beyond 26th Street into a couple of  
22 large apartment complex areas. When you see that  
23 horizontal -- or that vertical line that goes up  
24 on the east side, that's actually the Little  
25 Muddy River, which is our eastern boundary of the



1 city, and from there to the line, straight line  
2 on the far east side, that's actually Williams  
3 County, Highway 9.

4 So that's a major boundary, and all I  
5 did was to take that in was because there was  
6 literally no people there. It's all river  
7 bottoms, so there really isn't any people.  
8 There's a small amount but not very many. The  
9 other jag that you see to the east, right there,  
10 that's actually the corporate city limits that  
11 goes to an industrial park on the eastern side of  
12 the Little Muddy River. So I just kept the  
13 corporate boundaries of the city intact is all I  
14 did there.

15 So I actually brought the northern  
16 boundary line down to 26th Street, as I talked  
17 about before. And then the western boundary, I  
18 moved that in as well. It's closer to the core  
19 of the city, and that brings us within, I  
20 believe, minus 3 percent.

21 Is that right, Emily? I can't see it  
22 from here.

23 MS. THOMPSON: That's correct. The  
24 deviation is negative 3.62 percent or 600 people  
25 shy of the ideal of 16,576.



1 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Thank you.

2 So that -- again just keeping the  
3 corporate boundaries of the city as intact as we  
4 can. And if you look at district -- let's go to  
5 the next district number, 99, as we've named it  
6 up here, which would be a new district. And this  
7 will make more sense explaining district to them.

8 What I did hear was I took -- most of  
9 the District 2 growth that occurred in the last  
10 ten years has been within the new corporate  
11 boundaries of the city of Williston. Williston,  
12 in the ten years, has tripled its size through  
13 annexations in its land boundaries, and those  
14 were all friendly annexations. The City never  
15 forced anything. They were requested by  
16 developers for the growth of the industry and the  
17 population.

18 So, as the boundary grew, the population  
19 grew within those areas too, and those were  
20 within District 2's current boundaries. So I  
21 took the corporate boundaries to the far north  
22 side of the city of Williston and went over. The  
23 line you see to the to my left, right there,  
24 where she's going, that is the new city bypass,  
25 the four-lane bypass the State built to get the





1 truck traffic out of the city.

2 Don't know if you remembered or not, but  
3 at one point, our little bypass bisected the city  
4 with the growth, and we had about 40,000 vehicles  
5 a day on that bypass. And 60 percent of them  
6 were semi-trucks. So we had to get the trucks  
7 out of town, and that's what helped.

8 So using that as a major boundary, I've  
9 just taken that and moved it down to Highway 2,  
10 which is the other major boundary, all the way to  
11 the Montana border. And so you see Highway 2 as  
12 of north boundary there, and you go down on the  
13 Montana boundary line to the west. And then you  
14 get to the Missouri River, and it becomes back  
15 contiguous to the city at that little junction up  
16 there, makes it contiguous. So that population  
17 is within, I think, less than 1 percent deviation  
18 again.

19 Emily, can you see that?

20 MS. THOMPSON: Yep. The deviation on  
21 this district is negative 1.58 percent --

22 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Okay.

23 MS. THOMPSON: -- or 262 people shy of  
24 the ideal value.

25 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: So we're very close.



1 So essentially what I did was I took the existing  
2 boundaries of 1 and 2 and just formed a new  
3 district. Actually, this helps our District 2  
4 because it keeps most of their district intact  
5 and it separates out, really, the city growth  
6 areas from the rural districts. So the rest of  
7 the boundaries that you'll see up there on  
8 District 2, if we want to go to that big map,  
9 really keeps the rural district identity that  
10 they've always had.

11 Tioga did see some pretty good growth,  
12 as did Ray; those are the two major communities  
13 in District 2 -- and Stanly, I should talk about  
14 Stanley, which you can see in the far lower-left  
15 corner of that district. That's the community of  
16 Stanly. So that keeps everything intact with  
17 what they currently have.

18 What I didn't do was I didn't -- I  
19 played around a little bit with District 4, which  
20 includes the reservation that's south of Stanly  
21 there, and I played a little bit around going  
22 north of Minot. But ultimately I decided I  
23 really needed to stop with District 1, 2, and a  
24 new district because really what happens in Minot  
25 affects everything that surround them within



1 about a 80-mile radius, and that's where we're at  
2 in the rest of Northwest North Dakota.

3 So until we have some delineation of the  
4 preferences for the Committee with dealing with  
5 the Minot growth issues, I really didn't think we  
6 could deal with things between Districts 1, 2,  
7 and the Minot districts. And I know District 6  
8 is involved in there and District 4.

9 So any changes we make to District 4 or  
10 District 6 affect each one of those districts  
11 pretty intimately, and I know there was some  
12 discussion about possibly taking all of Burke  
13 County and making the whole northern counties  
14 over to east of Minot to McHenry County and  
15 bringing District 6 that far west. The only  
16 reason I'm showing this is, if you do that, then  
17 we strand the population base of about 13,000  
18 people within District 1 and District 2 that  
19 aren't enough to make a district, but they're too  
20 much to put in any other the districts without  
21 crossing the Missouri River or else going into  
22 Montrail County and then hitting the boundary of  
23 the reservation, which we want to keep intact on  
24 its own.

25 So there are some limitations. The



1 river, the boundary with the reservation, the  
2 Canadian border, and the Montana border, we have  
3 to deal with as well.

4 So, with that, Mr. Chairman, I would  
5 stand for questions. Again, this is just a  
6 concept. I was asked to look at Northwest North  
7 Dakota. I presented this to a few of the  
8 legislators up there, and they seemed to think it  
9 makes sense for -- and they're in agreement with  
10 what I've shown here. Obviously, if the  
11 Committee changes that, I would bring it back to  
12 them for their review as well.

13 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Questions for  
14 Senator Bekkedahl?

15 Oh, I'm sorry. Representative Shauer.

16 REPRESENTATIVE SHAUER: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 Senator, we heard a little bit -- we  
19 heard about the growth in Cass County. Can you  
20 give us a summary of the growth in District 1 and  
21 District 2? Is it mostly apartments? I assume  
22 it's 80, 90 percent energy, but maybe that's not  
23 right. Is their single-family growth and  
24 development growths? Gives us an idea of what's  
25 happening there.



1           SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Thank you,  
2     Mr. Chairman and Representative Shauer. Really,  
3     most of the growth occurred in Williston and the  
4     six surrounding townships, and the growth that  
5     you saw there, as well as in Tioga and Ray, are  
6     more apartment dwellings, rental dwellings.

7           We went from a mix in Williston of about  
8     70 percent individual homes and 30 percent  
9     rentals to about 52 percent rentals and 48  
10    percent homeownership. So it skewed over half  
11    now to rental properties, so just as I see around  
12    Fargo, I see a lot of apartment buildings. The  
13    three, four, five-story buildings going up. We  
14    had the same growth out there, and I suspect  
15    we'll continue to see that.

16           With the increase in just building  
17    costs, you can build higher density at a cheaper  
18    cost per door than you can a home anymore. So  
19    thank you for the question.

20           I would add to that the growth in  
21    Williston doubled from 14,000 to 29,000, so we  
22    had a 100 percent growth just in the city limits  
23    for us.

24           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Klein.

25           SENATOR KLEIN: Well, and Mr. Chairman



1 and Senator Bekkedahl, using your lines, have you  
2 moved anywhere into what was currently District 4  
3 at all?

4 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Mr. Chairman and  
5 Senator Klein, no.

6 SENATOR KLEIN: So --

7 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: None of it's changed  
8 the existing boundaries.

9 SENATOR KLEIN: So you took those -- you  
10 made those three districts, stayed pretty much  
11 inside the lines, so just looking at the raw  
12 numbers, District 4 would be okay just the way  
13 they are at 16,794 with no change to their  
14 numbers that could -- okay.

15 But just saying that, doesn't  
16 necessarily mean we have to change that. But I'm  
17 just kind of looking at the chart and seeing how  
18 some things could be easier than others or not.

19 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: So. Mr. Chairman and  
20 Senator Klein, I really appreciate that because  
21 it's a good segue to go to the next discussion.  
22 I didn't keep District 4 on here just because I  
23 thought District 6 could impact it, as well as  
24 the reservation status could impact it. You're  
25 exactly right. If we keep 4 the same, we've



1 basically taken care of Northwest North Dakota  
2 almost all the way to Minot and kept everything  
3 the same just by adding one district in that  
4 proper area.

5           The difference is where does the  
6 reservation go? Does the reservation stay where  
7 it's at in District 4, which I think is  
8 preferable to the people that are there, or does  
9 the reservation move -- the northern boundary of  
10 the reservation stay intact and you move into  
11 McKenzie County and Dunn County more for  
12 population? That would be a pretty large change  
13 in my book.

14           But I didn't deal with anything south of  
15 the river, particularly because I know  
16 Representative Lefor and people in Southwest  
17 North Dakota have been dealing with that. So I  
18 tried to -- if you look there, my concept, just  
19 playing with it, I actually put McKenzie County  
20 and Dunn County together south of the river, just  
21 because the number fit really well when you take  
22 out the reservation population and keep them with  
23 District 4.

24           It doesn't have to be that way, and I  
25 would certainly not tell Representative Lefor or



1 anybody else down there how to do things. That's  
2 going to be their concepts to deal with, but I'm  
3 pretty well set as they are that the reservation  
4 stays whole. And you're right, Senator Klein, if  
5 it can stay in District 4 in its current  
6 alignment, I think that would be preferable as  
7 well.

8 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative  
9 Boschee.

10 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Thank you,  
11 Mr. Chairman. If I could add to that as someone  
12 who sits on the Tribal and State Affairs  
13 Committee, we did visit with MHA Nation last  
14 week, I believe we were up there. It's all a  
15 blur where we've been. But the question was  
16 proposed to the tribal chair, and his point  
17 person on redistricting, Representative Lefor,  
18 Senator Bekkedahl, is Cynthia Montell (phonetic),  
19 who's the tax director. She does have an office  
20 in Bismarck, and I can get you her contact  
21 information if you would like.

22 They hadn't thought too much when I  
23 asked, "Do you prefer maybe going west with  
24 Watford City because of, you know, the economics  
25 of your communities being similar or staying up





1 in District 4, which is more agricultural?" They  
2 hadn't spent a lot of time thinking about it, but  
3 I think it got some wheels turning. So I think  
4 they're open to discussion and would love to  
5 connect with whoever's working on that side of  
6 the map, so --

7 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Thank you,  
8 Mr. Chairman and Representative Boschee. I agree  
9 with that. That's why I haven't played with the  
10 reservation. I really would think we need to  
11 take their -- you know, their comments and  
12 seriously use them in this Committee as well. I  
13 really think that, as I know the reservation, I  
14 think I know it pretty well because it's only 30  
15 miles from me, they really interact more with  
16 Montrail County than they do with McKenzie County  
17 or Dunn for their major economic activity.

18 So Stanly would be a better fit for them  
19 than Watford City, but it doesn't mean you  
20 couldn't go that way if we had to move some of  
21 the population loss in other areas to make this  
22 work. So we have a lot of options, but I think  
23 Senator Klein's comments about District 4 staying  
24 intact is a good one at this point as well.

25 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Anyone else?



1                   Seeing none.

2                   SENATOR OBAN:   Mr. Chairman?

3                   CHAIRMAN DEVLIN:   Oh, I'm sorry.

4   Senator Oban.

5                   SENATOR OBAN:   No, that's okay.   But  
6   Stanly is in District 2, so I mean, to use that  
7   as a reason, you know, for -- most of Montrail  
8   County is technically districted into 2 based on  
9   your map, what currently exists and frankly the  
10   map that I just played around with too.   So in  
11   thinking about what may be the impacts, both  
12   positive and negative, to some reservation  
13   communities being quite a bit similar to what's  
14   happening in oil country in McKenzie County --

15                  SENATOR BEKKEDAHL:   Right.

16                  SENATOR OBAN:   -- maybe down even into  
17   Killdeer is maybe something we need to consider  
18   because those impacts are pretty similar and has  
19   had a lot of change to those reservation  
20   communities with the fluctuations of oil.

21                  SENATOR BEKKEDAHL:   Thank you,  
22   Mr. Chairman and Senator Oban.   I think if -- I  
23   don't -- I didn't do the numbers, but my read of  
24   the reservation is that the majority of the  
25   population on the reservation actually lives



1 north of the river, not south, and that's why  
2 Stanly is more of an economic tie to them.  
3 Keeping -- or having Stanly in Montrail County, I  
4 suspect in the last redistricting that was done  
5 because District 2 needed more population, not  
6 less, so they expanded over to get population out  
7 of Stanly.

8 The other thing that they are --  
9 culturally that ties them together as Ray, Tioga,  
10 and Stanly have a -- as you know being from Ray,  
11 have a common water system, the RTS water system.  
12 So economically those three communities are  
13 pretty tied together as well. But good comments.  
14 We have a long ways to go with that.

15 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Klein.

16 SENATOR KLEIN: But Mr. Chairman,  
17 doesn't it also -- and we had that discussion  
18 earlier. It's one of the points. I mean, if we  
19 can keep a district together with the  
20 representatives or senators they currently have  
21 and the people they know, I mean, it would be  
22 kind of incumbent that we would do what we can in  
23 these areas and, you know, you hate to mess that  
24 all up because of another reason because they've  
25 done this for at least ten years or maybe longer.



1 They know who their representatives are and where  
2 the lines are.

3 So I'm just kind of -- I think  
4 Senator Sorvaag, you know, brought that to light  
5 this morning. You know, we want to keep -- if we  
6 can keep districts together where -- you know,  
7 rather than confusing the citizens, that they  
8 understand who their people are and where they've  
9 been and who -- where they live. So I guess I'm  
10 just throwing that out as a -- kind of another  
11 thought process that, if we can do that, that  
12 that would be important, to me it will be,  
13 anyway.

14 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Mr. Chairman,  
15 Senator Klein, you're exactly right. And that's  
16 why I think the people I showed to in the area  
17 already said, "We like this. We're used to it.  
18 We already have our voting districts within these  
19 lines. Nothing has to change with the counties  
20 and their operations and elections." So other  
21 than the new district being formed -- and I,  
22 really, all I did was follow natural boundaries,  
23 as I said, the bypass, the Missouri River, the  
24 Montana border, and making them contiguous to  
25 Williston with the townships.



1           And in doing that -- and I never thought  
2   about this, but in doing that, that is a totally  
3   new district that there's no incumbents to run in  
4   that district, so that would be a slate of all  
5   new candidates if nobody moved, and if that  
6   stayed intact the way that it is. So it's the  
7   least amount of disturbance. I think that we can  
8   get up there. And, again, it wasn't planned that  
9   way. It just worked out that way in the major  
10   boundaries.

11           SENATOR KLEIN: And, Mr. Chairman, are  
12   the school districts getting along yet?

13           SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Mr. Chairman and  
14   Senator Klein, I will tell you that everybody is  
15   happy with their new school district, and the  
16   teachers are happy; the administration's happy,  
17   most of all, the kids are happy.

18           Thank you.

19           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Anything else for  
20   Senator Bekkedahl.

21           SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Thank you,  
22   Mr. Chairman.

23           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you.

24           Are there any other concepts that anyone  
25   was going to present today on the western or



1 central part of the state? I hadn't heard from  
2 anybody, but --

3 Representative Lefor.

4 REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Thank you,  
5 Mr. Chairman. I'm not prepared for something on  
6 the screen, but in Southwest North Dakota, we  
7 have a little of everything. We have population  
8 growth; we're got stagnation; we've got low  
9 population counties. In a perfect world, you'd  
10 divide Stark County in half and add a little bit  
11 of population to McKenzie County and call it  
12 good.

13 But you've got six counties out there  
14 that still have about -- have 12,000 people. So  
15 in District 37, we about 23, 2400 people too  
16 many. So I constricted that, which then, since  
17 District 36 surrounds us, that gives that  
18 district about 4800 people too many. So I'm  
19 trying to work with -- you know, to make it  
20 geographically compact, if we can see a McKenzie  
21 County, Dunn.

22 And then with the six counties and that  
23 I'm working with, and I'm working with part of  
24 Hettinger County to get more population, there  
25 are six counties that have about 12,000 people.



1 So I'm going to have to rob from Peter to pay  
2 Paul, so to speak. But I think I'm about 80  
3 percent there, but I sure would entertain any  
4 thoughts or ideas people have. I'm getting  
5 computer back today, and so I've got some updates  
6 that I have been looking at to maybe give you the  
7 concept maybe next week. So I'm getting close.

8 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: The other House  
9 computer, Representative Nathe has that now, and  
10 he's going to keep it for another week. And then  
11 it's going to Minot, I believe. Representative  
12 Bellew gets it next, but you would keep it until  
13 next week. Okay. Okay.

14 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Mr. Chairman?

15 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Nathe.

16 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: In regards to any  
17 plans with Bismarck, Mandan, Senator Poolman and  
18 I have been working on it, and Senator Poolman is  
19 just getting the computer this week. So we  
20 should hopefully have maybe something next week.  
21 So we're getting -- we've met a couple times;  
22 we're getting there.

23 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Oban.

24 SENATOR OBAN: As somebody who also  
25 lives in Bismarck, I would offer my --



1 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Yeah

2 SENATOR OBAN: Yeah. That's what I  
3 thought. And I did invite the folks in Lincoln,  
4 I think just in casual discussions, with  
5 Representative Nathe, actually asking Lincoln  
6 what they think rather than doing what we think  
7 is best for legislative districts, whether or not  
8 they consider themselves more a part of Bismarck  
9 than a part of what would be a pretty probably  
10 big geographic rural district.

11 Certainly, pros and cons of either of  
12 them, but I've asked them to potentially have a  
13 position that they can share with the  
14 Redistricting Committee, or they will probably be  
15 left to the whims of legislators with their own  
16 interests. So just letting you know that I am  
17 hoping we all hear from Lincoln next week when  
18 we're back in Bismarck.

19 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Mr. Chairman?

20 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative --

21 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Senator Oban, who  
22 from Lincoln? The mayor or who?

23 SENATOR OBAN: I reached out to  
24 Tom Volk, who sits on the City Council to -- he  
25 is a Ray J kid with me, so that's the reason I





1 reached out to him personally but did ask if he  
2 would formally take that to the City Council to  
3 have on the agenda to have a discussion,  
4 otherwise I just think we're left, you know,  
5 determining for whatever reasons where Lincoln  
6 should go.

7           You know, I think I have thoughts, but  
8 my thoughts might not be what the City of Lincoln  
9 wants, so I would rather, you know, their own  
10 elected leaders come forward if they are to have  
11 some sort of unified position on that to share  
12 with us to consider.

13           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative  
14 Boschee, is the Tribal Relations Committee, how  
15 many meetings do you have left? Do you know?

16           REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Mr. Chairman,  
17 members of the Committee, we've visited three  
18 tribal nations are continuing to try to schedule  
19 a visit with Standing Rock. They're going into  
20 tribal elections during this month so that's  
21 created a couple challenges as they continue that  
22 process, so we've done three of the four tribal  
23 nations that have significant population in the  
24 state.

25           I know that there is plans to also visit



1     somehow with Sisseton Oyate (phonetic) as well,  
2     but I don't know if that will be more of a  
3     virtual conversation or what based on, again,  
4     there's a very small population of people who  
5     live in the state within that reservation.

6             CHAIRMAN DEVLIN:   Okay.   Thank you,  
7     Representative Boschee.   Because that was one of  
8     the things we didn't know if that committee would  
9     finish their work, you know, in a timely fashion,  
10    and so we're going to reach out to all the tribal  
11    nations to teams that are virtually on -- and I  
12    just didn't know if we should do that early next  
13    week or how quick we should do that because we  
14    need to know what their opinion is on some of  
15    this and where they might want to go or whatever.

16            And we know we're not going to split any  
17    reservations.

18            REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE:   Right.

19            CHAIRMAN DEVLIN:   We all know that we're  
20    not going to do that, but we want their input.  
21    And I just was wondering if the people think we  
22    should do it at our first meeting next week, make  
23    that offer.   I think that would work.

24            But Senator Holmberg.

25            SENATOR HOLMBERG:   Mr. Chairman, I would



1 recommend that we do meet as early as possible  
2 with them because it makes a difference up in  
3 that Rolette County area as far as the ripple  
4 effect of what their wishes are, and their wishes  
5 may be what we like, and they may not be. But at  
6 least we want to make sure that we've heard from  
7 them. So I would hope we could get them online  
8 or somehow soon.

9 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: And I agree,  
10 Senator Holmberg. The Chairman will issue an  
11 invitation to them for some time next week at our  
12 first day of the meeting, and hopefully we can  
13 work all of them in. I know we can work all  
14 them, but I hope it will work for them.

15 Representative Boschee.

16 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Yeah.

17 Mr. Chairman, thank you. And each of the three,  
18 so we visited with Turtle Mountain up in Rolette  
19 County. We've visited with the Spirit Lake in  
20 Benson County and Ramsey County area and then, of  
21 course, MHA. And all three tribal governments,  
22 as well as citizens who spoke at those meetings,  
23 did advocate for making sure that we don't  
24 subdivide the districts, and we were able to  
25 speak -- or the reservations, and we were able



1 speak to how, traditionally, that has not been  
2 done here and that's not the intention of the  
3 Committee so far.

4 And then when the conversation about  
5 subdistricts, there was certainly some interest  
6 in that but curious about what does that mean in  
7 terms of elections. And I think one tribal  
8 nation, and I forget which one specifically, had  
9 some interesting conversation on -- either I  
10 don't know if they understood what we were  
11 talking about in terms of subdistricts or they do  
12 have a legitimate concern about -- you know, as  
13 we've talked about subdistricts, that would be a  
14 dedicated House district if we were to do that.

15 The concern I think they have is in  
16 terms of at-large. So members that don't live on  
17 the district -- or on the reservation, would they  
18 be able to vote for that person or not within the  
19 greater -- they say Senate district. And I think  
20 that comes from a history of the County that they  
21 share borders with doing some at-large elections  
22 that has not helped that specific tribal  
23 community.

24 So some interesting conversations, and  
25 us being able to introduce it, I think will help



1 prime for a conversation next week or the  
2 following. And we did say that there would be  
3 intentions to reach out to find dedicated time.

4 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.

5 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Could we end up in a  
6 situation where you have one of the tribal  
7 nations saying, "We want to be subdivided," and  
8 you have the other nations saying, "We like it  
9 the way it is," and where does that put us from  
10 the standpoint of being fair?

11 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Mr. Chairman,  
12 members of the Committee that's a good question,  
13 Senator Holmberg, because I think with  
14 Spirit Lake there will be some -- we'll have to  
15 have some more in-depth conversation about that  
16 because they seem to be the nation that has a few  
17 hesitations as they understand subdistricts based  
18 on the conversation we had. So I think some  
19 intentional conversation on that will be  
20 important.

21 And, in the end, with anything when it  
22 comes to tribal nations, consultation is an  
23 important part of that, and so there could be  
24 where there is a tribal nation who says, "We  
25 don't want to subdistrict." But if we've



1 appropriately done consultation and that's a part  
2 of the record, I think, you know, there we have  
3 our intention. And we can honor that if we so  
4 choose.

5 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: We have spaced our  
6 time and agenda for comments by interested people  
7 on what were the basic concepts that were  
8 presented this afternoon, and I don't know if  
9 anybody had anything to add or bring to our  
10 attention. We would welcome it.

11 MR. GION: Hello, Chairman Devlin and  
12 members of the Committee. My name is -- oh.  
13 There we go. Can you hear me now? Excellent.

14 Good afternoon, Chairman Devlin and  
15 members of the Redistricting Committee. My name  
16 is Rick Gion. I'm director of a group called  
17 North Dakota Voters First, and I really  
18 appreciate being able to speak today.

19 A few things we'd like to emphasize.  
20 First, we'd really like to thank all of you for  
21 the discussions about the split districts for the  
22 Native American reservations. We've been seeing  
23 that discussion in the media, and we really are  
24 thankful for those things being brought up and I  
25 think integrated into this redistricting cycle.



1 And so we really want to thank you for that. And  
2 with the Bismarck Tribune editorial today  
3 furthering those discussions with splitting those  
4 House districts for better representation in  
5 those rural areas and Native American  
6 reservations.

7 Also, another thing I want to mention  
8 quickly is we'd really like to see the draft maps  
9 put on the legislative website as cited or  
10 explained in House Bill 1397. I know, during the  
11 session, we had talked about two weeks prior, and  
12 so we'd, again, want to encourage you to be  
13 posting those draft maps for transparency's sake.

14 Other than that, I'd just like to thank  
15 you again and thank you for having this meeting  
16 in Fargo. I know it's not easy logistically to  
17 move all of this stuff and also legislative  
18 council really does a nice job with setting these  
19 video streaming meetings up. So thank you again.

20 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I believe  
21 Senator Holmberg had a question.

22 MR. GION: Yes, sir.

23 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Based upon what I  
24 asked Representative Boschee, and that is that if  
25 we -- you believe in subdistricts --



1 MR. GION: Yeah.

2 SENATOR HOLMBERG: -- and you've talked  
3 about the native populations, would your group be  
4 critical of a legislature that would subdivide  
5 reservation A and not reservation B because  
6 reservation B gave us clear messages that they  
7 really don't want that? I mean, are you an  
8 organization that's purest, in other words, "We  
9 have to do this," or would you look at what the  
10 legislature does and say, "You know, they  
11 followed what the tribe wanted."

12 MR. GION: Yeah. I think we'd be open  
13 to a lot of recommendations. We work as a  
14 partner with North Dakota Native Vote, who I'm  
15 sure you all have been in contact with, and  
16 they're just great folks over there, as well as  
17 the League of Women Voters. And yeah. I mean, I  
18 think we're open to many discussions. I think  
19 with three -- I mean, there's five tribal nations  
20 in North Dakota, but with three specific  
21 reservations, I think it's really important to  
22 look at MHA, you know, Fort Yates, and Turtle  
23 Mountain. So that's kind of where we're at with  
24 those things.

25 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Thank you.





1 MR. GION: You're welcome.

2 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Shauer.

3 REPRESENTATIVE SHAUER: Thank you,

4 Mr. Chairman.

5 I didn't catch your name. I'm sorry.

6 MR. GION: My first name is Rick,

7 R-i-c-k, last name is Gion, G-i-o-n.

8 REPRESENTATIVE SHAUER: Eon?

9 MR. GION: Gion.

10 REPRESENTATIVE SHAUER: Gion.

11 Apologize.

12 MR. GION: It's a Hungarian name from

13 Regent, North Dakota, so --

14 REPRESENTATIVE SHAUER: Oh, Byron

15 Dorgan's hometown, so --

16 MR. GION: Yeah. Well, my grandparents

17 used to babysit him, so we're very close.

18 REPRESENTATIVE SHAUER: If this isn't

19 North Dakota, I don't know what is.

20 MR. GION: Yeah.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SHAUER: But the question

22 I have for you, Rick, you talked about splitting

23 for better representation. Explain that. I hear

24 that, and is that just a phrase that sounds good?

25 Or what does it actually mean, and what data do



1 you have to show that if we split it, it creates  
2 better representation?

3 MR. GION: That's a good question, and  
4 you and I have both worked in the media,  
5 especially the TV media. And we both worked at  
6 DAY, so we're into those buzz phrases or we can  
7 pick them out quickly. And so, yeah, I mean,  
8 just like in Minnesota, across the river, there's  
9 District 4. Kent Eken is Senator, represents the  
10 whole district, and then 4A and 4B, Paul Marquart  
11 and Heather Keeler there.

12 And I think Minnesota -- 65 districts in  
13 Minnesota, 35 in South Dakota. I think Minnesota  
14 has had a lot of success with that, especially in  
15 larger -- we're really looking at the larger  
16 rural areas, District 39, District 31 were  
17 regions that -- District 14, you know, those  
18 large rural areas. I think it really would make  
19 for better representation, as you say.

20 Urban areas, that can be a little  
21 different challenge. Fargo has a lot of  
22 communities of interest. It's diverse. You  
23 know, it's a dynamic community, so a lot of those  
24 things need to be looked at. But splitting a  
25 district with the House, specifically Native



1 American reservations, I mean, you have those  
2 communities of interest, those ethnic  
3 populations, and yeah. I mean, honestly, it  
4 would make for better representation for our  
5 state.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.

8 SENATOR HOLMBERG: You mentioned  
9 Minnesota and South Dakota, and certainly  
10 Minnesota has had their, you know, District 1A,  
11 1B. South Dakota has only two -- they have 35  
12 districts, but --

13 MR. GION: Right.

14 SENATOR HOLMBERG: -- there is 26A and B  
15 and 28A and B. And they are both related to  
16 tribal nation.

17 MR. GION: Exactly. And that was  
18 brought on, I think, by a lawsuit, and we'd  
19 really -- we're not talking about those things,  
20 obviously, but you know, let's try to avoid those  
21 things, give those folks a better representation.  
22 And, yeah, I mean two districts; we'll probably  
23 have three if we go that route. But I think it's  
24 just a wonderful thing that they do that down  
25 there.



1 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Nathe.

2 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Thank you,  
3 Mr. Chairman. So when you talk about better  
4 representation, do you have any information that  
5 shows in the past that anybody from these  
6 reservations haven't had a chance to run?  
7 Because it seems to me they've had as much chance  
8 to run as anybody else.

9 MR. GION: You're right. Yeah.

10 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: And I realize  
11 the -- some people, not all people on the  
12 reservation want to split districts. You  
13 couldn't tell that though by reading the papers.

14 MR. GION: Right.

15 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: So they've had  
16 just as much a chance to run in those districts  
17 as anybody else. So if we go to a subdivision or  
18 subdistricts, there's no guarantee that, one  
19 thing, they would find somebody because I know  
20 some reservations have had a hard time and,  
21 second, no guarantee that they would win.

22 I mean, so do you have any information  
23 that shows in the -- that our current map has  
24 stopped anybody from running in those  
25 reservations?



1 MR. GION: I'd encourage you to talk  
2 with Nicole Donaghy at North Dakota Native Vote.  
3 I think she could give you some more specifics.  
4 I've been involved with campaigns and elections  
5 in North Dakota for a long time. And yeah. I  
6 mean, I see those things sometimes, and I'd be  
7 happy to get you some specifics as well.

8 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: And if I may,  
9 Mr. Chairman.

10 And the reason why I ask, Rick, is  
11 because I've been here 13 years. I didn't start  
12 hearing this until about July. So, you know, if  
13 this was a ongoing nagging problem, I think we  
14 all would have been hearing about this. And  
15 we've all have contact with people on the  
16 reservation. It has never once come up to me.  
17 Now, I'm open-minded to hear everything. I'm  
18 just saying it doesn't seem to be a big thing out  
19 there in the reservations right now.

20 So it'd be nice to have some hard  
21 information that shows us, hey, here's the reason  
22 why we should do this, other than being  
23 politically expedient to do.

24 MR. GION: You bet. And we'd be happy  
25 to get you those things. You know, Chairman Fox,



1 obviously he's been for it. I've seen a bunch of  
2 media stories. MHA is a large population up  
3 there with their own energy interest, things like  
4 that. So I -- yeah. I can talk to North Dakota  
5 Native Vote a little bit more, maybe put Nicole  
6 in contact with you, and we can talk about those  
7 things a little bit more.

8 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Poolman.

9 SENATOR POOLMAN: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 I just have one question, and maybe you  
12 just need to help me wrap my head around this. I  
13 am fully supportive if the reservations want to  
14 have subdivided districts. I'm fully supportive  
15 of that.

16 MR. GION: Thank you.

17 SENATOR POOLMAN: But I don't  
18 understand -- pardon me?

19 MR. GION: Oh, no. I was just saying  
20 thank you.

21 SENATOR POOLMAN: Oh. I'm fully  
22 supportive of that if that's what they would  
23 like. But when I think about districts as they  
24 sit now, right now in a district, you have two  
25 people in the House of Representatives who have



1 to advocate for your best interest.

2 MR. GION: You bet.

3 SENATOR POOLMAN: And if you subdivide  
4 it, now you only have one, and the other person  
5 on the other half doesn't have to care about your  
6 interest anymore.

7 And so I guess I'm just wondering how  
8 that's better? Are we only looking on the front  
9 end in terms of getting elected from that  
10 district and not necessarily in terms of the  
11 advocacy then that comes for people in that area?

12 MR. GION: Well, two things on that, and  
13 thank you for the question. I think there are  
14 issues statewide that people care about,  
15 especially agriculture, energy, healthcare,  
16 education, you being a, you know, educator. All  
17 of those things are all-encompassing, and I think  
18 all legislators care greatly about those things.  
19 So I'm not sure about losing that representation.

20 I think it's more like there is better  
21 representation for that community of interest. I  
22 think that that House member would be more  
23 accessible. District 39, District 31, for  
24 example, they wouldn't have to drive as far. I  
25 mean, you need a plane to get across District 39,



1 so I hope that answers your question.

2 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Oban.

3 SENATOR OBAN: Mr. Chairman.

4 And I don't know that this is a question  
5 specifically for Rick or even asking for a  
6 response, but I think some of our understanding  
7 of what subdivided districts intend to do is not  
8 so that, for example, a tribal nation can elect a  
9 Native American or a tribal nation can elect --  
10 it's so they can elect somebody of their  
11 choosing.

12 So the candidate who the majority of the  
13 population who votes within tribal nation were to  
14 choose, that that person would have the  
15 opportunity to win. It doesn't mean that they  
16 may even find, you know, somebody who shares  
17 their race, but it might be helpful if  
18 legislative council could redefine what we  
19 learned at that conference about what that means  
20 for electing a candidate of their choosing based  
21 on historical outcomes or whatever it happens to  
22 be.

23 And the second sort of comment, and I'm  
24 wondering maybe if legislative council could help  
25 us with this too, is this question that





1 Senator Holmberg has now asked a couple times  
2 about if we do for one tribal nation, must we do  
3 for all if there are differing opinions. And, to  
4 that, I would hope that we can all remember that  
5 tribal nations are independent and sovereign.  
6 They are not all Native Americans think all the  
7 same.

8 So for us to be able to find out if  
9 there is any state with a number of tribal  
10 nations within their border, if there is any  
11 history where some of those legislative districts  
12 are subdivided and some are not based on the  
13 feedback we would get from those tribal nations  
14 themselves.

15 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Anything else?

16 Representative Nathe.

17 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Thank you,  
18 Mr. Chairman.

19 So, Rick, I want to go back.

20 Senator Oban talked about a chance to win. If we  
21 go subdistricts, they have a better chance to  
22 win. Are you saying right now if a Native  
23 American ran in, say, District 31 in Standing  
24 Rock, they have less of a chance now than if we  
25 subdivide?



1 MR. GION: I think what we're saying is  
2 that -- you know, and our organization is  
3 nonpartisan. I think that we're saying is it's  
4 just better representation to have --

5 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: How? How is that  
6 better than what we're currently doing? How is  
7 that better?

8 MR. GION: Because it gives them an  
9 opportunity to elect somebody that knows their  
10 issues.

11 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: But don't they  
12 have that right now?

13 MR. GION: You'd have to talk to North  
14 Dakota Native Vote a little bit more about that.  
15 I'd really encourage some of those conversations.

16 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: I'd be interested  
17 to hear that answer.

18 MR. GION: You bet.

19 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Oban.

20 SENATOR OBAN: Mr. Chairman, but it's  
21 not about electing a Native American per se. It  
22 could be a white person who is also living on  
23 Standing Rock who chooses to run, who might  
24 identify more what those issues are within  
25 Standing Rock's -- you know, so I think we get --



1 and I find it easy to do too. I have to like  
2 remind myself this isn't about electing a Native  
3 American per se. This is about making sure that,  
4 if it's about a split population and half of that  
5 population lives within the borders of a tribal  
6 nation, do they have the opportunity to have a  
7 candidate of their choosing run and potentially  
8 not win but to be able to run and have the chance  
9 of winning based on the outcomes of historical  
10 elections.

11 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Mr. Chairman,  
12 I'm going to debate Senator Oban for a second.

13 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I understand that,  
14 Representative.

15 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: So it kind of  
16 goes back to what I said earlier. So are you  
17 saying right now they don't have a chance to win  
18 whether it's Native American or a white person  
19 on -- you're saying right now, under the current  
20 system, they do not have -- so somebody in 31 --

21 SENATOR OBAN: Yep.

22 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: -- of Standing  
23 Rock says, "I'm going to run against whoever."

24 SENATOR OBAN: So Mr. --

25 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: So are you saying



1 right now they have less of a chance to win than  
2 if we subdivide?

3 SENATOR OBAN: Mr. Chairman and  
4 Representative Nathe, their vote would be diluted  
5 depending on how much more of their district is  
6 encompassed by communities that would not share  
7 the same interest as those located on a tribal  
8 nation.

9 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: We'll talk later.  
10 I don't want to keep the --

11 SENATOR OBAN: I mean, and I think  
12 that's why I was asking legislative council to  
13 perhaps remind us about the way that was  
14 described at the conference was probably  
15 articulated better than certainly I can do.

16 MS. NESS: Mr. Chairman and members of  
17 the Committee, the phrase candidate of choice  
18 that was used, that is the analysis that the  
19 federal law that we would be talking about and  
20 this scenario would consider, and as mentioned,  
21 the candidate of choice doesn't have to be any  
22 particular race or from any particular geographic  
23 boundaries. It would just be within that  
24 subdistrict. And when you are looking at these  
25 types of cases, there are a lot of statistical



1 analyses that go into it. But the 20,000-foot  
2 view is, if you have an entire district that has  
3 a -- let's say, you know, one-third of that  
4 population is represented by one particular race  
5 and the remaining population is a different race,  
6 the population that is the smaller, if they vote  
7 distinctly and differently from the rest of the  
8 district, then there is a question about are they  
9 ever going to be able to elect the candidate of  
10 their choice.

11 And depending on some of those voting  
12 patterns, you may get into a situation where  
13 dividing that subdistrict would numerically give  
14 them a chance to elect a candidate that they  
15 would choose. The legal analysis and the  
16 statistical analysis for this becomes somewhat  
17 complicated. You have to have several  
18 preconditions, and then you analyze a bunch of  
19 other factors. So it's not as cut and dry as  
20 just looking at the numbers, but the gist of it  
21 is, numerically, if that subpopulation votes  
22 distinctly differently from the rest of the  
23 district, are they ever going to be able to elect  
24 their candidate of choice if that district isn't  
25 split?



1 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Mr. Chairman?

2 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.

3 SENATOR HOLMBERG: And Claire did hit on  
4 a point because I recall one of the things they  
5 talked about is you're looking at the voting  
6 history of that area. If you had an area that  
7 had a reservation of, you know, a third of the  
8 population but, yet, historically only one  
9 political party is really within that county, for  
10 example, then how does that factor into this  
11 because only one party is going to win in that  
12 county, even though that one-third might be on  
13 the reservation.

14 MS. NESS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, Senator  
15 Holmberg, and members of the Committee, that is  
16 one of the issues. So if you don't have that  
17 polarized voting, then the specific legal  
18 analysis under that federal Voting Rights Act  
19 would not come into play. That's one of those  
20 preconditions that historically polarized voting.

21 SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. Chairman?

22 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Klein.

23 SENATOR KLEIN: You know, and  
24 Mr. Chairman, I guess this is more of a comment  
25 to someone who represents a reservation, you



1 know, whether you've been elected by that  
2 minority or majority of that particular area,  
3 commonality, as representatives you reach out --  
4 everyone reaches out to you and how did it work  
5 in 23? I mean, I'm suggesting that whatever way  
6 it turns out, whether they voted for you or  
7 didn't vote for you, you're there to help serve  
8 them. And I'm just looking for someone who I  
9 think represented a reservation, and that was the  
10 only one I could see in the room.

11 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I would think that we  
12 aren't any different than any other legislator in  
13 either party. You're going to the best job you  
14 can for everybody in your district and the state.  
15 And we reach out repeatedly to the members of the  
16 Spirit Lake Nation on many different issues. And  
17 I'm sure the legislators that have other  
18 reservations do exactly the same thing.

19 You know, because I'm a print person and  
20 not electronic person, like some of the people in  
21 the room right now, you know, I could take  
22 offense of better representation. I don't think  
23 that's a word that I would use.

24 They might have different representation  
25 they might have closer to their community, but is



1 it going to be better? If everybody in the  
2 district feels that the best two people to  
3 represent their district live in, I don't care,  
4 whatever county you want to pick, so all of a  
5 sudden, you're going to say, "No. We can't let  
6 you have the better of those two because we want  
7 to make sure one of them lives somewhere else."

8 You know, that's why television news is  
9 really going down the world and newspaper --

10 I knew I shouldn't have opened that up.

11 Representative Shauer, go ahead.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SHAUER: Thank you,  
13 Mr. Chairman. I'll let that last comment go by  
14 because I know my place here.

15 But a question for Ms. Ness, and I'm  
16 just trying to get a handle on this. If race is  
17 the reason to subdivide a district, then what  
18 mandates are there to make sure that a candidate  
19 is of that race?

20 MS. NESS: Mr. Chairman, Representative  
21 Shauer, and members of the Committee, that is not  
22 one of the requirements. The candidate of choice  
23 does not have to be any particular race. It's  
24 just the candidate that that -- potentially that  
25 racial group would want to succeed. So it's the





1 choice of their candidate, but there is no  
2 specific race that person has to be.

3 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you.

4 MR. GION: I'm excused?

5 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You're excused. Yeah.  
6 And sorry you got in the middle of an argument.  
7 Representative Shauer and myself, you know,  
8 sometimes there's a difference of opinion between  
9 the print media and electronic.

10 MR. GION: I work for both. I'm in  
11 between. I left a card up here in case anyone  
12 wants to contact me. Please feel free to call me  
13 on my cell or email me, so --

14 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah.

15 MR. GION: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you.

17 Was there anyone else today on what we  
18 just discussed?

19 Seeing none.

20 Committee discussion and directive, I  
21 mean, we know we're meeting next week. We will  
22 reach out to the tribal governments in each of  
23 the tribes and try to set a team meeting with  
24 them, and I know that the other legislative  
25 committee, Tribal Relations Committee, will



1 continue those meetings. You know, we want all  
2 of that input.

3 Next week we're going to start looking  
4 at a little more of some of the concepts that  
5 people have, and you know, we kind of got a feel  
6 for at least some of the east today. You know,  
7 it's going to change a little bit, I'm sure both  
8 of them, by next week. But I think once you have  
9 that and once you have what -- the northwest  
10 corner of the state that looks like it's pretty  
11 good, and if south of there, as legislators  
12 complete that work, we'll be able to move and get  
13 some done.

14 So unless -- Senator Holmberg.

15 SENATOR HOLMBERG: Two other things. As  
16 you're working on concepts, keep in mind, you've  
17 heard from a couple areas of the state,  
18 particular to the northeast, that all those  
19 districts are going to be under. That means  
20 there is surplus population someplace else in the  
21 state that other districts are going to have to  
22 suck up because you can't have everyone below  
23 average. You've got to have some that are  
24 above-average. That's number one.

25 And number two, I think we have --



1 because we have some time constraints --

2 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah.

3 SENATOR HOLMBERG: -- that was mentioned  
4 last meeting where a person can't expect to have  
5 a lot of success if they come in at our last  
6 meeting and present a complete plan that has not  
7 been vetted. That makes it impossible for us to  
8 do it. So I'm hoping at our next meeting we can  
9 have some guidance to the public as far as if  
10 they are having another -- or bringing in an old  
11 plan or even an amendment to a plan, that they  
12 have adequate knowledge that it has to be in by X  
13 if they want it to be fully considered by the  
14 Committee, otherwise we'd have a mess.

15 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Is there anything else  
16 from the Committee for today?

17 Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., right?

18 Committee, we're going to let you  
19 leave --

20 What? Oh, I forgot. I apologize. What  
21 was I thinking, Emily? I'm sorry.

22 Yes. Emily has some training from  
23 Maptitude for -- I worked out that I go right  
24 to --

25 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Josh.



1 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Oh. I worked out I go  
2 right to Bismarck and work with staff.

3 Representative Boschee, did you have a  
4 question?

5 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Thank you,  
6 Mr. Chairman. I guess more of a question for us  
7 as a -- I mean, I know we're coming into a  
8 meeting next week, but what should -- I mean,  
9 what should come prepared for? I mean, knowing  
10 that we have three more weeks to do this work, do  
11 you -- is our goal, if we have maps, we want  
12 people to start bringing maps and we're starting  
13 to negotiate some of that so that we can move  
14 forward?

15 I mean, it just feels open-ended, so not  
16 sure what we're walking into.

17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. That is my  
18 belief, that we have to start bringing those maps  
19 based on what we saw today of the corners, and  
20 hopefully the southwest will get, you know,  
21 pretty well locked up by then too, and then we  
22 can go from there. But it will be interesting.

23 It is on. I just was too far away most  
24 likely. I'm pretty soft-spoken, you know, so  
25 yeah. Yeah.



1 Emily will give us a presentation on the  
2 Maptitude training. Is that it?

3 MS. THOMPSON: Just one thing to quickly  
4 mention, I guess, pivoting off the last point you  
5 made. Today some maps were presented.  
6 Individuals don't always know, I guess, at the  
7 meeting if they're ready to present their map.  
8 Sometimes it's kind of on the fly like it was  
9 today. The maps were just brought in

10 All the maps that were presented today  
11 for, you know, the audience and purposes of the  
12 press, those will all be converted into PDF.  
13 Anything that we were kind of driving on the  
14 screen to show, that will get linked up to the  
15 minutes.

16 If any of the Committee members know at  
17 least about a day ahead of time if they're going  
18 to be presenting maps and they plan to at the  
19 Committee, what we can do, of course, with the  
20 Committee member's permission, is we can convert  
21 those into PDFs and link them right to the agenda  
22 so that the public can view those maps straight  
23 off the agenda rather than clicking on those  
24 meeting minute links with, you know, maybe a day  
25 or so delay afterwards.



1           So feel free to submit those to  
2     legislative council. You want to get any PDFs  
3     linked to the agenda that you know for sure that  
4     you want to present at the next meeting, and we'd  
5     be happy to do that.

6           Last up here, up on the screen, all the  
7     legislators on the Committee were sent on a link  
8     today. I had mentioned early on that I was going  
9     to put together some kind of video training on  
10    Maptitude. You all have received the PDF  
11    Maptitude instructions. However, we did go ahead  
12    and create three videos that are in, of course,  
13    the video format instead of a PDF.

14           We have a video on creating a new plan  
15    that's eight minutes long. This is just kind of  
16    a refresher, again, covering some of what was in  
17    your PDF instructions about how to use a template  
18    to pull in either a blank map or how to pull in a  
19    template of a map that already has those existing  
20    district lines if you want to draw on that. And  
21    also --

22           REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: Mr. Chairman,  
23    can I interrupt?

24           CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Bellew.

25           REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: Thank you.



1 Emily, can we get his stuff on a regular  
2 computer, or do we have to have one of these  
3 computers?

4 MS. THOMPSON: This is just for a  
5 regular computer, Mr. Chairman and Representative  
6 Bellew. You might all recall when we pushed out  
7 your legislator dashboards over this past  
8 session, you had videos of like how to invite a  
9 sponsor, how to file a bill. This is that same  
10 kind of thing. It's just a nice quick video  
11 reference page if you want a reminder on how to  
12 do something on Maptitude.

13 So yep. So again that first video is  
14 how to create a blank map or a map with existing  
15 lines from a template. And also, at our last  
16 meeting, there were some questions about getting  
17 a template up that shows not just the census  
18 blocks but also has the option of you selecting  
19 areas by census block group and census tracts.  
20 So at the end of that video, the last example of  
21 how to create a template with that feature is  
22 included there.

23 The next video at number two is  
24 Maptitude tools and features, all of those  
25 selection tools, how to zoom in, how to zoom out,



1    how to change boundaries. That's just kind of a  
2    quick refresher of all those features you can  
3    use.

4                   And then the third and final video is  
5    generating reports and PDFs and sharing files.  
6    Claire had covered some of the reports at our  
7    last meeting. This is just a quick couple-minute  
8    refresher on how you get to generating those  
9    reports, what that looks like, and again, if you  
10   have any questions on reports or want the  
11   legislative council staff to generate reports on  
12   anything you've drawn, please don't hesitate to  
13   contact us. We'd be happy to.

14                   The PDF step in this last video just  
15   allows you to take a map that you're looking on  
16   at your screen, select either by just one  
17   district, that district and all the surrounding  
18   districts, or the entire map, and generate  
19   quickly a PDF that also includes the population  
20   summary data, the deviation, total pop,  
21   population by race and ethnicities, all packaged  
22   in that PDF. So just a few quick steps are  
23   covered there.

24                   And lastly, which is relatively  
25   pertinent right now, sharing files. This is





1 specific to your Maptitude for redistricting  
2 laptops. So anyone with a redistricting laptop,  
3 there are a few quick instructions of how you can  
4 click on a few files and send that directly to  
5 Claire, Samantha, or I at legislative council  
6 staff if you want us to review anything, look it  
7 over, troubleshoot. For any reason, if you want  
8 to get us a file, that's in that last video, just  
9 a two-minute overview.

10 And that's all I had.

11 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Questions from the  
12 Committee?

13 Is there anything else to bring before  
14 the Committee today?

15 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Move to adjourn.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: We moved to adjourn.

18 Committee is adjourned.

19 (END OF VIDEO FILE)

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3 and accurate transcript of the digital recording  
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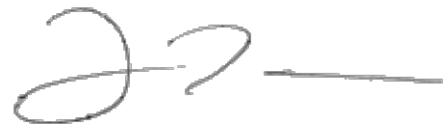
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