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1 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: For the record, we
2 see lots of familiar faces in this audience.
3 We have as our court reporter today Ms.
4 Bostrom (phonetic). For the record, Ms.
5 Bostrom is waiving at us acknowledging her.
6 Speakers, if you will, as I've said, each of
7 these, when you are speaking to us, make
8 sure that the court reporter is able to take
9 what you're saying. Some speak faster than
10 others, so Attorney Cunningham, I doubt this
11 will be a problem for you, but sometimes
12 folks talk too fast, and the court reporter
13 gets overwhelmed. And so, pay attention to
14 her. If I'm not cueing you, look for her to
15 as well.

16 Again, I'm Luke Rankin, I'm from Horry
17 County, I represent the good folks down
18 there. And I am blessed to chair this
19 committee and this subcommittee today. As
20 at each of these that we've had, both the
21 public hearings and the subcommittee
22 meetings, I'm joined with a host of folks
23 live and via Zoom. To my right, Senator
24 Chip Campsen from Charleston, Senator Young
25 from Aiken is appearing by Zoom. Senator

1 Sabb to my left, from Williamsburg. Senator
2 Margie Bright Matthews to my far right from
3 Colleton. Senator Scott Talley is
4 downstairs in another commission meeting.
5 And Senator Dick Harpootilan way over yonder
6 to the left. Again, a bipartisan group,
7 representing the Senate and all parts of the
8 state.

9 A little recap, again, we -- in July,
10 met to organize. Then on the 27th of July
11 through August the 12th, ten public hearings
12 were conducted, where we received testimony
13 across the state about communities of
14 interest. August 12th, we made the newly
15 released census data available on our
16 redistricting website. Then on the
17 September 17th meeting, we adopted
18 guidelines and a public submissions policy.
19 Again, likewise put on the redistricting
20 website. Then from the 17th of September
21 through August-- October 8th, we received
22 public admissions -- submissions rather, of
23 proposed Senate district plans. Last month,
24 the 21st of October, we received testimony
25 about those submissions. Staff was directed

1 to develop a proposed Senate staff plan,
2 again, based upon the information that we
3 received from those sources. Thereafter, on
4 the 4th of November, we adopted the Senate
5 staff plan. November 12th, we received
6 testimony on the Senate staff plan, as well
7 as the proposed congressional plans.

8 And so, today, we are going to hear
9 first, a presentation about the
10 congressional plan. And at this time, our
11 would famous, world-renowned cartographer,
12 Will Roberts, will give us a brief
13 description of that congressional plan.

14 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Mr. Chair?

15 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Yes, ma'am?

16 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I want to make sure
17 I have your timeline correct. This
18 committee has not adopted the conger--
19 proposed congressional plan?

20 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Correct.

21 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Okay. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Alright, Mr. Roberts?

23 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

24 At the last subcommittee meeting, staff was
25 charged with creating a Congressional

1 District plan proposal. And we have done
2 our homework, and we released that staff
3 plan with a press release, and on the
4 redistricting website, on Tuesday November
5 23rd. The plan that staff has proposed is
6 what I would call a minimal change plan.
7 Our goal was to bring the Congressional
8 Districts back into deviation compliance,
9 while maintaining the core constituencies of
10 the districts. And with this plan, we have
11 accomplished that.

12 The current districts have a total plan
13 deviation of 23.58%, the plan that staff has
14 proposed has a zero percent deviation --
15 total plan -- total plan deviation. The
16 major change in the Congressional Districts
17 through this redistricting process, was
18 really between Districts 1 and District 6.
19 District 1 now includes east -- portions of
20 eastern Berkley County, all of Hanahan, and
21 the Daniel Island portion of Berkley County.
22 And those are areas that are currently in
23 Congressional District 6.

24 District 6 still includes the majority
25 of the City of Charleston and North

1 Charleston area, but now includes
2 significant portions of John's Island and
3 West Ashely that are currently in
4 Congressional District 1. Also, District 1
5 extends further down the coast to include a
6 portion of Jasper County, reflecting
7 testimony we heard at the public hearings
8 about the growth and communities of interest
9 in the low country area.

10 Some quick highlights of other
11 districts. District 2 fixes some precinct
12 splits in Richland County, as well as making
13 a few swaps. It also includes the --
14 District 2 picks up the Limestone area of
15 Orangeburg County, and that was done after
16 hearing comments at a public hearing in
17 Orangeburg earlier on this year. District
18 3, Newberry County is made whole.
19 Otherwise, mostly minor changes to the
20 current district, to accommodate shifts in
21 population. District 4 picks up some
22 precincts on the south side of Greenville
23 County from District 3, out towards the
24 Simpsonville area. District 5, it includes
25 more of the area in Boiling Springs and

1 Cowpens area, shifting the border between
2 Districts 5 and District 3 -- I'm sorry,
3 District 4, southwest towards the City of
4 Spartanburg. District 6, in addition with
5 the changes with District 1, also picks up a
6 few districts -- a few precincts in Sumter
7 County that are currently in District 5, and
8 the midlands area is largely unchanged, just
9 with some precinct tweaks. District 7 is
10 large -- really largely unchanged from the
11 current districts, it does pick up a few
12 districts from District 6 around the south
13 side of Florence County.

14 And Mr. Chairman, that's a brief
15 overview of the congressional plan the staff
16 has proposed for the subcommittee.

17 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Alright. Very good.

18 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Mr. Chair?

19 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Thank you.

20 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Mr. Chair?

21 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: We are -- Senator
22 Matthews?

23 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Sorry about
24 interrupting. We just received this, and I
25 understand ever -- we are under crunch on

1 this -- we received this notice of this
2 hearing on the Tuesday before last--
3 Thanksgiving, last week with the proposal.
4 And I -- and I can tell you, I'm a little
5 worried about the timeline, but we going to
6 work through that. I would ask that so that
7 when -- but -- if we can give it -- gather
8 information on what these districts looked
9 like before the data that the staff has,
10 that would show us what the congressional
11 plans looked like before the drawing. Since
12 District 1 and District 6 fall squarely in
13 my six counties, I think I would need to
14 look at that, to analyze why Charleston
15 County was cut up and -- the way it was, and
16 why there were carvings that were further
17 away from District 6 into this map. If I
18 can get that information, it would really
19 help us when we hear the testimony.

20 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Alright, very good.

21 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Mr. Chairman?

22 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Senator Harpootilan?

23 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And I share

24 Senator Bright Matthews concerns, we
25 actually got this the Tuesday before

1 Thanksgiving. And I've had some opportunity
2 to look at it, but I have significant
3 questions about how this was done, in that
4 the sixth district for instance, still goes
5 from the Atlantic Ocean to Lake Murray,
6 which doesn't make -- and I mean, if you
7 look at the definition of gerrymander in the
8 dictionary, you're probably going to find
9 this district next to it. I'm concerned how
10 this was done, and I think that while we're
11 going to hear from these folks today, we
12 need to hear from staff folks in an -- in a
13 separate meeting, where we can ask them very
14 probing questions about how this was done,
15 why this was done. And it appears to me
16 there's a racial overlay here. I'm -- at
17 least from the little bit I -- I mean,
18 obviously, I haven't had a chance to crunch
19 the numbers I -- the way I want to -- it
20 concerns me.

21 And Mr. Chairman, you understand I have
22 not discussed that in any pejorative way, on
23 any other plan that this Subcommittee has
24 looked at. And I'm not -- certainly not --
25 accusing the staff of anything untoward, it

1 may -- just may be that the result that they
2 came up with is racially skewed. And I
3 think that we need to be very conscious
4 about the fact of -- about the issue of
5 packing African Americans into one district.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Okay, thank you.
8 Alright, and let's -- unless there are other
9 comments from the Subcommittee members?
10 Let's go to the speakers, and three here by
11 -- to testify in person, I'm going to take
12 this list out of order, because respectfully
13 Ms. Teague, Mr. Ruth, you all have been
14 here, done this. You are fixtures here.
15 Mr. Cunningham, come on up if you will. You
16 are not a fixture, at least physically. Not
17 calling anybody a potted plant, mind you,
18 but welcome. And I trust you're not going
19 to be hanging around, you're going to be
20 getting back on the road. So, you have 19
21 seconds to speak. That's not -- it's a
22 joke. But floor is yours, and welcome. Do
23 you --

24 MR. CUNNINGHAM. I appreciate it. What
25 -- how much time do I have allotted, Mr.

1 Chairman? As (inaudible) --

2 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: As little as you
3 need, and no more than ten minutes.

4 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Raise your right
6 hand, if you will? Do you swear, affirm to
7 tell -- do we swear these witnesses here?
8 Forgive me. Have I been doing that?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't think --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: No.

11 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Yeah, you know what?
12 I'm confused.

13 SENATOR MATTHEWS: (Inaudible).

14 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Lynn, have we sworn
15 you before? I don't think so. I'm in --
16 I'm in --

17 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: I can tell
18 you, everything I say will be the truth.

19 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: No.

20 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: So, --

21 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Unless you slip, you
22 do not need to do that, I'm in the wrong
23 commission meeting. Floor is yours,
24 welcome.

25 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Thank you,

1 Chairman Rankin. Members of the
2 subcommittee, it's an honor to be here with
3 you today on a very pressing matter as it
4 relates to our very own democracy. I'm Joe
5 Cunningham, and from early 2019 to just
6 earlier this year, I had the -- the great
7 honor of representing the first
8 Congressional District in the United States
9 congress. And I've got to tell you that
10 representing the first Congressional
11 District was, you know, it was the greatest
12 honor in my life. And throughout my
13 service, I got to know the first
14 Congressional District very well. And the
15 history, the people, the communities big and
16 small, black and white, wealthy and working
17 class. And I know first-hand how important
18 representation really is.

19 And I drove here this morning from
20 Charleston to tell you something that you
21 already know. Which is that the proposed
22 map today, particularly the first
23 Congressional District, stinks. It's
24 terrible. It is --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: I'm so sorry

1 to interrupt your presentation. Could you
2 back up your microphone just a little bit
3 here? (Inaudible), try now.

4 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: I want --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: I'm so sorry.

6 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- yeah, I
7 want to make sure they can hear me though.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: Yeah,
9 (inaudible).

10 SENATOR RANKIN: (Inaudible) we can
11 year you too much.

12 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Well, okay.

13 SENATOR RANKIN: (Inaudible).

14 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: I -- I want to
15 make sure that everybody can hear me,
16 because this is important. The maps are
17 awful. They are just -- they -- I mean,
18 they make no sense, unless of course the
19 sole purpose of these maps is to make it
20 harder for a republican to lose. See, ten
21 years ago, this body intentionally drew the
22 first district to make it virtually
23 impossible for a democrat to win. And
24 although the district, you know, has always
25 been based in Charleston, this body made

1 sure that the significant black population
2 would be packed into the sixth Congressional
3 District. And despite the incredible
4 diversity of Charleston County, you all made
5 sure that the first was almost entirely
6 white. Thus, a safe republican district.

7 Well, until 2018, when I became the
8 first democrat to win that district in 40
9 years. And despite the district being
10 designed intentionally so that democrat
11 could not win, I was able to win a district
12 that Donald Trump carried by 13 points. And
13 just last year, I lost it by a single point
14 in one of the closest elections of the
15 entire country.

16 Now, let's face it, you know, the folks
17 in Washington D.C. really don't like
18 competition. They don't like close races.
19 They want -- they want safe elections. They
20 want reliable elections. They want to make
21 sure that what happened in 2018 in the first
22 Congressional District, never, ever happens
23 again. Even if they have to cheat or rig
24 the system to make sure that happens.

25 In my time as a candidate, and as a

1 member of Congress, I saw up close and
2 personal how the district was just chopped
3 up, based upon one thing, race. You could
4 drive down Chapel Street, the old district
5 boundary -- the current district boundary
6 right now, and look on one side and see
7 African American community, and the other
8 side see a white community. The white
9 community was in the first Congressional
10 District, and the black committee was in the
11 sixth Congressional District. You could not
12 draw it any clearer than driving down Chapel
13 Street. And I thought that that was the
14 best of gerrymandering. But low and behold,
15 I'm surprised, because look if
16 gerrymandering was an art, this proposed
17 plan would be a Picasso. You all have taken
18 it to the nth degree.

19 I just want to drop in some highlights
20 here. Despite all that diversity in the low
21 country, this plan gives the first
22 Congressional District the lowest black
23 population of any district in the state. It
24 takes the College of Charleston out of the
25 first Congressional District. This is

1 supposed to be the low country district, and
2 the College of Charleston has been removed.
3 The only thing left of the peninsula in
4 Charleston, is the nearly all white million-
5 dollar homes south of Broad. That's all
6 that's been left.

7 You took out most of John's Island.
8 That's an area that's rich in civil rights
9 history for a significant black population.
10 But mysteriously, kept nearly all white
11 Kiawah and Seabrook islands. I wonder why.

12 For some reason, the first District
13 does not represent an entire county. When I
14 represented the first District, I had five
15 parts of five different counties. And now
16 under these proposed maps, there's six parts
17 of six different counties, because why not?
18 Just throw a sixth in there. No one -- no
19 one can look at this map with a straight
20 face and say that it makes any sense.
21 Nobody. Nobody can look at it honestly, and
22 say that it makes any sense. And say that
23 it's good for our democracy.

24 This map only spurs questions.
25 Questions like, why are suburban Mount

1 Pleasant and West Ashley in two different
2 districts? Why is Charleston County split
3 into two different districts? One for white
4 residents and one for black residents. Why
5 are the College of Charleston and the
6 University of South Carolina, which are
7 separated by over a hundred miles, in the
8 same Congressional District? We know why.
9 Everyone here knows why. Everyone on this
10 committee knows why. Because the people who
11 drew this map, it's just a game. It's just
12 a political game, and it's just about
13 winning, because ten years ago, this body
14 drew a safe republican district, and by the
15 end of the decade it became a swing
16 district. And this proposed map moves the
17 goalpost yet again, to make it as hard as
18 possible for a democrat to win.

19 I'm here asking today, why are you so
20 afraid of competition? I'm not asking you
21 to draw a democratic district, I'm asking
22 you to draw a district that makes sense.
23 Because this map makes no sense, unless your
24 sole objective is to rig an election so that
25 one side cannot win. I don't know who drew

1 this map, I don't. I -- but I know one
2 thing, it wasn't any of you. This map --
3 and it wasn't any of your staff either.
4 This map was drawn by a partisan hack in
5 Washington D.C. That's who it was drawn by.
6 Somebody with the help of incumbent members
7 of Congress, to make themselves safer.
8 People hellbent on serving themselves,
9 instead of serving the people they're
10 elected to represent.

11 I would ask you to listen to the people
12 in the first Congressional District, not
13 some partisan hack from Washington D.C., who
14 could care less about South Carolina. I'm
15 asking you to put your Country, put your
16 State, above your own political party. Do
17 what's right, rip up this map, and start
18 over by using the input that you solicited
19 across this state. This map is not even
20 worth the paper that it's printed on. And I
21 -- I would say that if you want a majority
22 so bad in the United States House of
23 Representatives, go earn it. Go win it with
24 your policy ideas, go win it with your
25 vision. But don't cheat, and don't steal.

1 I can tell you that when I left
2 Congress earlier this year, our country has
3 never been more divided. And there's a lot
4 of reasons that point to that, but partisan
5 gerrymandering, the process that each of you
6 are engaged in today, is a big part of it.
7 It's ripping our country apart at the
8 fabric. It's why we're more divided than
9 ever. And for decades, you know,
10 legislators have bent over backwards to
11 eliminate competitive Congressional
12 Districts, and create safe districts, where
13 it's impossible to lose the general
14 election. And what's been the result? You
15 have a Congress that cannot function, and
16 I've seen it. I have lived it. You got the
17 far left, and you got the far right up there
18 in Washington D.C., trying to tackle some of
19 our country's most pressing problems, but
20 yet they cannot even agree on what day it
21 is. Working across the aisle for members of
22 Congress, has become a four-letter word,
23 because the only thing they have to worry
24 about is winning a primary, and the results
25 of general elections are predetermined.

1 When I represented the first District,
2 I can't tell you how many people came up to
3 me and said, "I -- I feel like my vote
4 doesn't even matter. I -- you know, I feel
5 -- why vote? Why should I vote? Why should
6 I partake democracy? I feel like the -- you
7 know, the die has been cast." And you know
8 what? They have a -- they have a damn good
9 point. When you look at these congressional
10 maps, and these lines that have been drawn
11 by a partisan hack in Washington D.C., and
12 released to the general public hours before
13 Thanksgiving break, with a public hearing
14 called hours after thanksgiving break ends?
15 The whole process reeks. And South
16 Carolinian's deserve a hell of a lot better.

17 You've got two options. You know, you
18 can pour kerosene on the fire that's up in
19 Washington D.C. -- the dumpster fire that
20 exists -- because nobody can leave this
21 committee room and condemn the partisanship
22 in Washington D.C., and at the same time,
23 put the stamp of approval of partisan
24 gerrymandering that lays before us. You
25 can't do that. So, you can watch the

1 parties continue to move to the extremes.
2 The far left, the far right, and nothing
3 gets done, and our infrastructure crumbles,
4 all health care prices go up. All the
5 problems that need to get solved, go
6 ignored. Or -- or you can simply ignore the
7 partisan hacks in Washington D.C., you can
8 say, "to hell with what they want." And
9 focus on what the people of South Carolina
10 want. Fair maps, keeping communities of
11 interest together, not dividing communities
12 based upon the color of their skin. Not
13 packing black voters into one district. The
14 future of this country, the future of this
15 state, and our politics, rest entirely in
16 your hands. And I would beg that you handle
17 it with care. I yield back.

18 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Alright, questions of
19 Mr. Cunningham? Representative Cunningham?
20 Otherwise, -- yes, ma'am, Senator?

21 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Just a couple of
22 questions. Joe, you know, we've had to work
23 together a lot for the better of South
24 Carolina many times. But I listen to our
25 cartographer talk, and yes, you're exactly

1 correct as it relates to the scheduling and
2 timing. I want you to know that as a member
3 of this Subcommittee -- and I've tried to be
4 present and work with the committee as much
5 as possible -- I was not involved in the
6 preparation of this map at all. No input
7 into the six counties that I've represented
8 over the years. Because the first glaring
9 problem that I see is yes, we went to public
10 hearings, and one or -- and in my area, I
11 paid much, much more attention.

12 If you looked at the bottom of the map,
13 where it refers to Sun City. Sun City in
14 Jasper County, and that leads from Hilton
15 Head. We heard it over and over when we
16 went there, that Sun City, the area that
17 includes Palmetto Bluffs, Margaritaville,
18 all of those areas down there, they spec--
19 even though they're at Jasper County per
20 say, they felt that they had more in common
21 with Beaufort. Hilton Head area. So,
22 therefore the committee on the Senate maps,
23 we all understood that they needed -- that
24 part of Jasper, which grew very much, needed
25 to be with Beaufort. So, it makes no sense

1 in this map why just the opposite was done
2 on this congressional map. So, I agree with
3 you on that. And out of candor, I want to
4 make sure that it's on the record that I
5 agree.

6 As far as Charleston County, I
7 represent Charleston County too. I
8 represent this side of Main Road in
9 Charleston County. I don't understand why
10 on this map, those black voters in
11 Charleston County were carved out, and the
12 more affluent areas went to make this a more
13 representative map, where repub-- a
14 republican could be elected. I'm also
15 concerned about the BVAP and the WVAP on
16 this, and how it totally switches. Out of
17 this, the -- the percentages that we have,
18 it gives this first Congressional District
19 from what I'm seeing, it totally makes it an
20 electable and secure republican district. I
21 go by the affluence, I go by the districts,
22 and the community. I understand your
23 concern, but I want you to know as a member
24 of this committee, I don't agree with this
25 map, I haven't had an opportunity to view,

1 I'm still going to inquire of staff who they
2 consulted with in drafting this map, because
3 I would think that since six and one go
4 straight through my six counties, that I
5 would have at least had some input into this
6 map.

7 Last part, I want to say this. On
8 Tuesday, when I received notice, my office
9 was winding down, I knew I had depositions
10 this morning -- this afternoon, and had to
11 be in court this morning. I had to cancel
12 everything immediately, because this is
13 critically important, because it astounded
14 me that no more notice was -- was -- should
15 have -- was given. But we're all here.
16 We're going to figure out how we work
17 through this big disparity, and this
18 protection of the first Congressional
19 District. The last --

20 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: And I --

21 SENATOR MATTHEWS: -- question --

22 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- and I
23 appreciate your work on that, Senator Margie
24 Bright Matthews.

25 SENATOR MATTHEWS: -- how is it -- in

1 it -- in looking at these numbers, how is it
2 that with the -- now with the new drawing of
3 this first Congressional District, somehow
4 it has the lowest black population of any
5 Congressional Districts?

6 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: That's what
7 happens when you draw lines based upon race.
8 And that's exactly what was done ten years
9 ago, when I talk about downtown Charleston,
10 and that's exactly what happened today.
11 Because there's -- there's no -- this is not
12 excusable at all. And this happens in other
13 states, this isn't relegated to just the
14 State of South Carolina, but it doesn't make
15 it right anywhere.

16 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Well, did you notice
17 on this proposed map, that they took out
18 West Ashley? A very -- not necessarily
19 black or white but voted democratic. And
20 they also removed all the black parts of the
21 Sea Islands. Those are communities of
22 interest, they basically have the same
23 concerns that you ran on, which was
24 protecting our coastland.

25 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: And West

1 Ashley has a hell of a lot more in common
2 with James Island than it does with
3 Columbia.

4 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Thank you.

5 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: If I might, I'm
6 (inaudible) --

7 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: The Senator from
8 Columbia?

9 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: You're
10 recognizing me. I thought you had a
11 question.

12 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: I'm in char-- I'm in
13 charge now.

14 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Oh.

15 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Temporarily.

16 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Big chief.

17 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: I'll be very
18 careful then. Senator we -- I mean,
19 Senator, Congressman, were you consulted by
20 our staff in anyway?

21 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: No, the first
22 time I learned about these maps, when it was
23 released online mere hours before
24 Thanksgiving holiday.

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Can staff

1 confirmed they talked to any Congressman
2 about this map? Staff, Will, anybody?

3 MR. ROBERTS: (Inaudible) wait a
4 minute, this was all communicated to
5 (inaudible).

6 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: To who? No, no,

7 --

8 MR. ROBERTS: This map was pushed out
9 (inaudible) --

10 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Prior -- prior to
11 it being, were they consulted in the
12 formulation of this map? Any Congressman?

13 MR. ROBERTS: Senate staffers were, at
14 one time I think it was (inaudible).

15 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: A Congressman was
16 -- prior to this map being drawn,
17 Congressman was consulted and had input?

18 MR. ROBERTS: The input was very
19 little.

20 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Was what?

21 MR. ROBERTS: Very little.

22 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Well, that's
23 fine, who was that Congressman?

24 MR. ROBERTS: Senator Wilson called us
25 and asked us about (inaudible).

1 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Congressman
2 Wilson?

3 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, sir.

4 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay. No other
5 Congressman was --

6 MR. ROBERTS: Dalton --

7 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- consulted?

8 MR. ROBERTS: -- Dalton Tresvant, with
9 Congressman Clyburn's office came
10 (inaudible).

11 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay. Anybody
12 else?

13 MR. ROBERTS: Not that I recall.

14 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Never heard form
15 Nancy Mayes, never heard from (inaudible) --
16 any of the others?

17 MR. ROBERTS: Not since -- not since
18 this map has been out.

19 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Any input from
20 people outside our state organization?
21 People from Washington? People from --

22 MR. ROBERTS: No.

23 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- independent
24 groups?

25 MR. ROBERTS: We received (inaudible)

1 some input from some outside groups
2 afterwards.

3 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Like who?

4 MR. ROBERTS: After our -- the map was
5 published.

6 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: But not prior to?

7 MR. ROBERTS: If we did, it didn't
8 affect the map.

9 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: No, I'm not
10 asking you what affected. Did you receive
11 input from any outside group before the map
12 was published?

13 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, sir.

14 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: What groups are
15 those?

16 MR. ROBERTS: Some Republican
17 (inaudible) D.C. (Inaudible).

18 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And the name of
19 it?

20 MR. ROBERTS: I don't remember.

21 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Anybody that's on
22 staff remember the name of that group?

23 MR. ROBERTS: I -- I can pull it
24 (inaudible). Public -- it came to my Senate
25 email address, so it was all (inaudible).

1 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Well, and they
2 gave input to you, or who?

3 MR. ROBERTS: They submitted
4 (inaudible).

5 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And that --
6 that's not listed on our folks that had
7 comment?

8 MR. ROBERTS: It came in after the
9 published solutions. (Inaudible)
10 consideration it was negligible because it
11 came in way after the published solutions
12 (inaudible).

13 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: But was -- did
14 the staff have a chance to look at it?

15 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, sir.

16 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And it was a
17 republican -- an official republican
18 organization?

19 MR. ROBERTS: It was a republican
20 organization out of D.C. (inaudible). I
21 just received an email, and that's it.

22 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Can we have the
23 name of that organization?

24 MR. ROBERTS: We can find it for you,
25 sir.

1 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay, before this
2 meeting's over?

3 MR. ROBERTS: Sure.

4 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay.

5 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: I'm sorry,
6 Senator, I'm having a hard time hearing it.
7 What --

8 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: I'm sorry.

9 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- what -- was
10 it said that the only members of Congress or
11 staff, that were consulted were majority
12 whip, --

13 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Wilson.

14 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- Jim
15 Clyburn, --

16 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Wilson --

17 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- and --

18 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- Joe Wilson.

19 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- Joe Wilson?

20 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Yes.

21 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: And that is
22 it? That's what the --

23 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: That's --

24 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- records
25 stating? That no other member of Congress,

1 or their --

2 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: No other member -

3 -

4 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- staff, --

5 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- of Congress,

6 but there was --

7 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: -- was

8 consulted?

9 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- we just --

10 some independent republican group submitted

11 a plan, they indicate had no negli-- it had

12 negligible result -- negligible impact. But

13 I certainly would like to see that plan,

14 find out who those folks were, and whether

15 there was any communication from them other

16 than that email to people that were involved

17 --

18 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: So, --

19 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- in drawing

20 these maps.

21 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: So, the

22 members of Congress were consulted about the

23 lines, but the members of this committee,

24 tasked with drawing these lines, were not.

25 Is that correct?

1 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Correct. Never
2 heard about it till we saw it after it had
3 been published. I -- I didn't, I don't
4 think Senator Sabb did either.

5 SENATOR SABB: No.

6 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Maybe our
7 republican brothers and sisters?

8 MR. ROBERTS: (Inaudible) scrolling on
9 the contact list. (Inaudible) if you go
10 right, you can see the staffers that
11 received the information that (inaudible).

12 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: What's the
13 republican organization?

14 MR. ROBERTS: I'm going to pull that
15 right now, we didn't talk -- I didn't speak
16 to them.

17 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: But this -- with
18 this -- okay, I've been given a list of
19 Congress people, this was after the map was
20 finalized?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: This has been
22 throughout the redistricting process.
23 They've been given all the meeting notices
24 the same time you all have been.

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: But I guess what

1 I want to know is, did they have input in
2 the composition of this map verbally, or by
3 email, or any other way, prior to its being
4 distributed to us last Tuesday?

5 MR. ROBERTS: No.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: (Inaudible).

7 MR. ROBERTS: (Inaudible) I explained
8 (inaudible).

9 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Just Wilson and
10 Clyburn?

11 MR. ROBERTS: Wilson and Clyburn, yes
12 sir. They reached out to us, it came in
13 after (inaudible).

14 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And this
15 republican organization's name?

16 MR. ROBERTS: I'm pulling it right now.

17 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay, that's
18 fine. Thank you.

19 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Is that a
20 republican organization in South Carolina?

21 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: No, it's out of
22 D.C.

23 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Oh, out of
24 Washington D.C.?

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: That would be the

1 people you're talking about --

2 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Yeah.

3 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- from D.C., I
4 suspect.

5 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Partisan hack,
6 yeah.

7 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Right, partisan
8 hacks, yes. I just want to know whether
9 it's the Republican Congressional committee,
10 or whether it's some Koch brothers, or some
11 extreme Q-Anon organization.

12 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: So, they had
13 more of a say in the design of the districts
14 than the very own constituents in the
15 districts that are being drawn?

16 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: They had more of
17 a say in the design than I did, and I'm on
18 this committee.

19 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Yeah.

20 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And that's what
21 upsets me, is that some independent
22 republican group is allowed to let them know
23 what they think, but I'm not. Never saw the
24 congressional plan, never asked for my
25 input.

1 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Why is that,
2 you think?

3 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Well, I'm a guy
4 that just gave up my district, District 20,
5 and sent it to Charleston, because that's
6 where the population growth has been,
7 because -- and allowed three Senators to be
8 totally within the bounds of Richland
9 County, that's why I did that, because it's
10 the right thing to do, whether or not I get
11 re-elected. This is not about me coming
12 back, it's about the people of the state
13 having representatives they pick, not that
14 the Congressman or Senator's pick. It's not
15 the other way around. It's -- we don't pick
16 our constituents, we shouldn't -- our
17 constituents should pick us, and that's
18 what's wrong with this plan. That's all I
19 have.

20 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: I just want to
21 echo Senator Margie Bright Matthews comment
22 about the timing of this, and the process of
23 being -- something being done in the dark.
24 Things are typically only done in the dark
25 that want to remain hidden, and we're trying

1 to shine light here into this process, and
2 the -- or the lack thereof.

3 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Okay, any other
4 questions? Comments? Thank you.

5 CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM: Thank you for
6 your time.

7 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Thank you. Okay,
8 next is Lynn Teague. And I just -- I would
9 like, as Ms. Teague, you come to the -- to
10 the podium, but I would like to emp-- just
11 make it clear that this is a staff generated
12 map. And so, the staff -- I didn't really
13 have any input into it either, Senator, and
14 it's something that the staff has proposed,
15 we're taking public input, and it can
16 change. So, I just want those who are
17 watching, and interested in the process to
18 realize that is the process. And it's not
19 final, it's not even close to final, it is a
20 first iteration produced by the staff. Ms.
21 Teague?

22 MS. TEAGUE: Thank you, Senator. And
23 thank you all of hearing us once more. We
24 are fixtures, John and I, so great to see
25 you all again. However, we are disappointed

1 by the Congressional proposal. We're -- we
2 find it disappointing that we can't be as
3 positive about it as we were about your
4 proposal for the Senate map. Everyone who's
5 engaged on this issue knows that the bit
6 changes had to be CD 1 and 6, because of the
7 population shifts. We drew our map, which I
8 -- we discussed in the last hearing, without
9 reference to any voting history, or other
10 partisan or incumbent data. And in doing
11 so, we drew around genuine communities of
12 interest and political subdivisions. And
13 what we found when we did that was that we
14 had a voting rights district in District 6,
15 as usual, and we had five non-competitive
16 districts. Even the league of women voters,
17 you know, drawing objective maps, can't --
18 could not -- well, we didn't try, but they
19 didn't -- not turn out to be what you would
20 call competitive. There was one naturally
21 competitive district in our map, and I think
22 in any map, that really focuses on
23 communities of interest and political
24 subdivisions, and that's CD 1. In our map,
25 while we did not do it with those data, to

1 make it turn out that way, it's within one
2 percentage point on our estimated partisan
3 gap, instead of something closer to 14 in
4 this map.

5 And we believe this map does not adhere
6 to communities of interest or political
7 subdivisions. It embodies some of the
8 problems that were already present in the
9 map. You know, Will, you mentioned that,
10 you know, it was a minimal change, and
11 that's true in the sense that North
12 Charleston is still there with Columbia.
13 North Charleston should not be with
14 Columbia. North Charleston is part of a
15 very coherent community of interest with
16 Charleston and the other satellite commun--
17 cities and suburbs growing around the
18 Charleston area.

19 And so, what would the people of South
20 Carolina lose if this map were adopted?
21 Well, first of all, of course their votes
22 would not mean much in November. I mean,
23 regardless of which party their favoring.
24 The -- the outcome would be pretty certain,
25 barring extraordinary circumstance. I mean,

1 there's always a possibility of a miracle,
2 but -- in any case, the bigger issue then
3 becomes the push that this does add to
4 extremism in our politics. You've heard us
5 talk about that before, it's a big concern
6 for the League, that extreme districts
7 product extreme politics that are harming
8 our country.

9 So, we have other concerns as well.
10 There are places where to follow municipal
11 or county lines, black communities are split
12 at the boarder of CD 6, and we don't believe
13 they need to be. Very often, the municipal
14 boundaries are drawn with intentional
15 discriminatory processes, and this simply
16 continues that. We don't like CD 2 having a
17 finger projecting through Columbia over to
18 Fort Jackson, that's there now, but we don't
19 like it now, we don't like it in its
20 proposed form. The effort to get CD 2 to
21 Fort Jackson, drives CD 2 through the black
22 communities of Northwest Richland,
23 separating them from neighboring communities
24 to allow the incumbent to keep Fort Jackson
25 within his district. Why must a legislator

1 have a specific base within his district to
2 protect it in deliberations with the House
3 Armed Services committee? We don't think
4 so. I mean, we would hope that the
5 Congressman from South Carolina would
6 protect Shaw, would protect Paris Island,
7 would be protecting major military
8 installations across the state. And we note
9 that the staff plan does not do a good job
10 on splitting counties. And that the county
11 splits are not necessary to achieve equal
12 population -- it's about twice ours -- and
13 so there's clearly another agenda there.

14 If this plan were enacted, for the next
15 ten years, many South Carolinians would find
16 that their vote was unnecessarily wasted.
17 And without even one competitive district
18 where candidates must speak to a diverse
19 electorate in order to win, the potential
20 for real dialogue about real issues, both on
21 the coast and throughout our state, would be
22 greatly diminished. A district that is a
23 fair representation of the diverse
24 community, and the increasingly urbanized
25 low country would not solve all of our

1 political problems, but not doing so will
2 surely amplify those problems. We ask you
3 to consider options that are less damaging
4 to voter rights, and to reasonable political
5 dialogue. John, would you like to comment?

6 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Mr. Ruth?

7 MR. RUTH: I'm feeling sorry for Will
8 sitting there having to take all of this
9 abuse, having been in that map drawer seat.
10 The reality in drawing maps is that it is a
11 series of policy choices. And you know, the
12 good book tells us that where your treasure
13 lies, so lies your heart. I think in map
14 drawing, where your lines lie, so lie your
15 heart. The reality is, that there are
16 problematic aspects to this map. Some of
17 them have been discussed, including the --
18 taking the historically black population in
19 the city of Charleston and combining it with
20 Columbia. Now be clear, I've defended
21 Congressional District 6 since we first drew
22 it in the 1990s. And I was involved where
23 we were trying to -- having contests over
24 who could get the highest BVAP by adding
25 this little community and that little

1 community.

2 We know a lot more about electable
3 black districts than we did in 1990, when we
4 were operating off of poor rules of thumb.
5 You don't need to go into Charleston in
6 order to draw an opportunity district for
7 African American voters to be able to elect
8 a candidate of their choice. And that's the
9 real goal of drawing a voting rights
10 district. You don't need to do it.

11 What are other policy choices that were
12 made? Now, I have set in Federal court,
13 having judges demand of me, how many excess
14 county splits do you have in your map?
15 Well, we offered you an -- and alternative,
16 you may not have liked parts of it, but we
17 offered you an alternative that did not take
18 six into -- into Charleston, and that had
19 only six split counties, different from the
20 -- the 13 in this plan. Because this plan
21 really chops off the bottom of all those
22 counties along the coast, the counties that
23 Senator Bright Matthews represents.

24 The other issue in addition to those
25 that -- you know, let me point to some

1 particular places where for example, making
2 the choices that were made results in the
3 cracking of black communities. If you look
4 at the City of Sumter, for example. And
5 using the city limits in Sumter, rather than
6 making Sumter whole, means that there are
7 black communities that are cheek by jowl,
8 inside the city to outside the city, but
9 they are split. Those communities are
10 cracked, reducing their ability to have a
11 voice in the policy direction of their
12 Congress person. If you look at that hook
13 that goes across into Richland County, to
14 get Congress -- Congress Member Wilson to
15 Fort Jackson, it does that by driving right
16 through a series of African American
17 communities that are split off from their
18 neighbors in adjoining precincts, to
19 accomplish a goal that is unclear to me
20 where in the hierarchy of policy choices
21 that should fit. And if protecting bases is
22 the point, the only base I've heard much
23 noise about lately closing is Paris Island.
24 Our proposal to Congress Member Wilson into
25 Beaufort County, where he could predict

1 Paris Island better, if we believe that
2 that's where the clout is needed.

3 So, a series of policy choices were
4 made. And one of the results of that,
5 perhaps the intent, but one of the results
6 is that you take a district that was
7 historically competitive and you tun it into
8 a no longer competitive district. And where
9 does that fit in the list of your
10 priorities? Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Ruth.
12 Any questions for Mr. Ruth?

13 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Unfortunately, me.

14 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay, the Senator
15 from Colleton.

16 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Mr. Ruth, if you
17 would, can you -- I'm going to ask a couple
18 of questions, and I just want you to notch
19 it down to normal people's understanding of
20 this. It's like your doctor of maps or
21 something. If you would, give this
22 committee your just snapshot view of why
23 this proposed staff map has the BVAP
24 representation that it does. Because I'm
25 looking at a B -- a WVAP here versus the

1 BVAP, and from the first District, all the
2 way to the seventh, with the exception of
3 the sixth Congressional District, the WVAPs
4 exceed 66.49%. Tell us what does that mean?

5 MR. RUTH: Well, I mean, there are
6 rules of thumb about, you know, what are
7 going to be in South Carolina, electable and
8 non-electable districts for a democratic
9 candidate, and African American candidate.

10 I have not done a partisan analysis of these
11 districts in the way that I've done in court
12 cases in the past.

13 SENATOR MATTHEWS: And if -- and if we
14 follow that you have not done a partisan
15 analysis, that's good, because that's where
16 I was leading. Not every African American
17 is a democrat, so as not every white person
18 -- or non-black person -- a republican. So,
19 going along that line, when you look at this
20 map, it also follows that why then would
21 there be like a salamander, or a snatch it
22 approach, carving out a portion of
23 Charleston?

24 MR. RUTH: Well, --

25 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Tell me that makes

1 sense? Given the --

2 MR RUTH: It --

3 SENATOR MATTHEWS: -- the --

4 MR. RUTH: -- it makes sense if I were
5 trying to create an opportunity district for
6 African American voters to elect a candidate
7 of their choice, and I had no options.

8 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Right. And you do -
9 - and I'm sure you've studied the census.
10 And the coastline areas, Charleston, Mount
11 Pleasant, Jasper County, those areas -- I'm
12 not talking about the top of the state where
13 we got Charlotte and all of that area -- but
14 the coastal part of South Carolina has been
15 one of the fastest growing areas of South
16 Carolina.

17 MR. RUTH: Absolutely.

18 SENATOR MATTHEWS: And you and I -- I'm
19 going to make an assumption, and it's not
20 always true. Property values on the coast
21 tend to be some of the highest property
22 values in the state.

23 MR. RUTH: Yes.

24 SENATOR MATTHEWS: And those voters,
25 not always, but some have moved from down --

1 up north, from north down to the coast,
2 those vote-- voters have a greater
3 propensity for voting conservatively?

4 MR. RUTH: In general, although I think
5 it -- I think you would be surprised at some
6 of the places where there are more
7 democratic votes than --

8 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I said that with --

9 MR. RUTH: -- people with a
10 (inaudible).

11 SENATOR MATTHEWS: -- a caveat.

12 MR. RUTH: Yeah.

13 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Because yes, I think
14 our gr-- biggest democratic party -- our
15 county party, is in the Sun City area. So,
16 yes you are exactly right. However, when
17 you view this map, what substantively can
18 you give, considering the coastline? And
19 I'm sorry, that's my biggest concern here,
20 first and sixth. When you look at this map,
21 what concrete, substantives changes or
22 concerns do you have? If you could give us
23 that in three sentences or less, I would
24 appreciate it.

25 MR. RUTH: Clearly, it's a least change

1 map. Will, wasn't woofing to you about
2 that.

3 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: A what?

4 SENATOR MATTHEWS: It's a --

5 MR. RUTH: Wasn't woofing.

6 SENATOR MATTHEWS: -- minimal change.

7 MR. RUTH: Selling woof tickets.

8 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Woofing.

9 Woofing, okay. I didn't understand what the
10 word was.

11 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Given the census,
12 and what -- I'm biggest -- given the census
13 changes in Charleston County, it's not --
14 there's -- you -- it's your position there's
15 not a lot of change?

16 MR. RUTH: Well, obviously, when you
17 have all of that census population, when you
18 try to draw a least change map, you're going
19 to have a lot of change.

20 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Okay.

21 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: (Inaudible).

22 MR. RUTH: You know, that's math.

23 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I get it. But you
24 hadn't really said anything.

25 MR. RUTH: Well, --

1 SENATOR MATTHEWS: That's okay.

2 MR. RUTH: -- you don't -- you don't
3 need to bring the sixth Congressional
4 District into Charleston at all --

5 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Thank you.

6 MR. RUTH: -- to have an opportunity
7 district for African American voters.

8 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Thank you. That's all
9 I wanted.

10 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay, any other
11 questions?

12 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Yes, yes.

13 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: The Senator from
14 Columbia?

15 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: So, your plan,
16 when I say, "your," the League of Women
17 Voters plan had Charleston County whole,
18 correct? Mostly whole?

19 MR. RUTH: Yes.

20 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay. Richland
21 whole?

22 MR. RUTH: Yes.

23 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Orangeburg whole?

24 MR. RUTH: Yes.

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Sumter whole?

1 MR. RUTH: Yes.

2 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Williamsburg
3 whole?

4 MR. RUTH: Yes.

5 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: I'm trying to
6 think of what other --

7 SENATOR SABB: Clarendon?

8 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: What?

9 SENATOR SABB: Clarendon.

10 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Clarendon whole?

11 MR. RUTH: Yes.

12 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And so, -- and
13 that was based on the idea that county lines
14 meant something, correct?

15 MR. RUTH: Yes.

16 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And County lines
17 mean something because that's really the
18 next -- I mean other than the state setting
19 revenue or taxes, that's where most taxes
20 come from, correct? Through the county?

21 MR. RUTH: Yes.

22 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And so, it -- the
23 idea, for instance, in -- in what happened
24 to my district in the plan -- which is not
25 what you all proposed -- but what happened

1 to my district is, it went to Charleston
2 because that's where the populat-- where
3 there was population growth. And Richland
4 County got to keep three Senators totally
5 within their boundaries, is that correct?

6 MR. RUTH: Yes.

7 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: So, that's a
8 rational decision to try to keep county
9 boundaries consistent -- consistently
10 together, correct?

11 MR. RUTH: Yes. Let me -- you know,
12 historically of course, you know, we had one
13 Senator from each county.

14 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Right.

15 MR. RUTH: And if there is one
16 constitutional principle, even though our
17 Constitution has been somewhat voided on
18 that point by one person, one vote -- it's
19 that you keep counties together, unless you
20 have a compelling state interest in not
21 doing that.

22 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Well, so -- and
23 that's a great -- a great concept. When you
24 look at what they've done -- what this plan
25 has done to Charleston County, it carves it

1 up in a -- what I say -- I mean, I say,
2 "bizarre," would you disagree with me? If -
3 - if you didn't take in --

4 MR. RUTH: My tolerance for bizarre is
5 a lot high-- a lot lower than yours.

6 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: So, when I say,
7 "bizarre," I mean if you disregard
8 incumbency, if you disregard race, if you
9 disregard those kinds of things, it doesn't
10 make any geographic sense, does it?

11 MR. RUTH: No.

12 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay. So, it --
13 it is not done on the basis of ensuring one
14 man, one vote, is it?

15 MR. RUTH: No.

16 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: It's done purely
17 based -- not purely, but significantly based
18 on race, is it not? Do they not take most
19 African American voters in Charleston
20 County, and put them in the sixth?

21 MR. RUTH: Yes.

22 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay, that would
23 be race?

24 MR. RUTH: Yes.

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And then they

1 keep the white voters in the first?

2 MR. RUTH: Yes.

3 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Or move them into
4 the first?

5 MR. RUTH: Or disproportionately so.

6 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Right. So, that
7 would be a race-based reapportionment plan
8 to benefit incumbency, would it not?

9 MR. RUTH: Certainly, the benefitting
10 incumbency would seem to be the higher
11 priority there.

12 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: But the benefit
13 to --

14 MR. RUTH: But to do that -- I mean, I
15 --

16 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: But to do --

17 MR. RUTH: -- you weren't involved in
18 the 2000 case as I recall, --

19 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: No.

20 MR. RUTH: -- but at one point, one of
21 the republican lawyers, Bob Hunter, just
22 sort of stepped up -- we were almost in
23 recess at that point -- and -- and said to
24 the court, "I don't know if you realize how
25 odd this state is. Everywhere else we keep

1 -- we keep score by party, in South Carolina
2 you keep score by race." Yeah, we don't
3 register by party, we register by race. And
4 anyone who does politics in South Carolina,
5 when looking at a map, looks at the racial
6 proportions to get a sense of the political
7 proportions. Now, there are places that
8 doesn't particularly work, places in
9 Richland County for example, and in
10 Charleston County. But the way -- one of
11 the ways in which you effectuate that
12 partisan protection is by counting by race,
13 no doubt.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 4: Woo.

15 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: And is that, I
16 mean, constitutionally infirm?

17 MR. RUTH: Well, you know, the
18 Constitution -- the courts says that the
19 Constitution allows you to draw by race, as
20 long as it's narrowly tailored.

21 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Well, is it in
22 your opinion narrowly tailored, in what's
23 been done in Charleston County?

24 MR. RUTH: No.

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay, thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Any other questions
2 for Mr. Ruth? Okay, thank you. Okay, next
3 we have some who want to test-- who want to
4 testify by Zoom.

5 MS. BENSON: Uh-huh.

6 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Mike McCabe, are you
7 there?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 3: He's away.
9 He's on.

10 MS. BENSON: He's not on? He's not
11 online.

12 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Mike McCabe is not
13 online, and --

14 MS. BENSON: Cedric -- Cedric Blain--
15 yeah, he is -- he is. Cedric Blain-Spain.

16 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Cedric Blain-Spain,
17 are you there?

18 MS. BENSON: Yeah, he's up there.

19 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay, you're --

20 MR. BLAIN-SPAIN: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: -- you're up. Thank
22 you, welcome.

23 MR. BLAIN-SPAIN: Thank you so much.
24 Greetings to the (inaudible) Judi--
25 Judiciary Redistricting Subcommittee. Thank

1 you for this opportunity to address you this
2 morning. Wow, after hearing from your
3 colleagues, other committee members, and the
4 testimony thus far, the law of divine
5 oneness, means that everything we do has a
6 ripple effect, and impacts the collective
7 not just ourselves. To call upon these
8 principles -- this principle, excuse me --
9 for self-improvement, simply remember that
10 your actions both matter and make a
11 difference. The law of cause and effect,
12 also known as the law of karma, states that
13 any action calls a reaction. Wilder says
14 that whatever you put out, good or bad, you
15 get right back. To harness the power of
16 this law, be aware how your actions and
17 decisions are affecting not just yourself,
18 but everyone around you, and focus on
19 dismissing negative energy in favor of
20 positive.

21 Individually and collectively, this
22 Senate Judiciary Redistricting Subcommittee,
23 as all others, whether locally, State
24 (inaudible) or Federal, are responsible to
25 ensure no matter the loopholes,

1 Constitution, voting rights act, and all
2 other those laws that seem to be in this
3 process manipulated. Ultimately, your
4 individual integrity is on display, as one
5 of the most powerful committees every ten
6 years. This committee, and votes to adopt
7 whatever map, will have a far greater
8 impact, and -- on the innumerable lives of
9 those who are impacted by cracking and
10 packing, that evil gerrymandering. More
11 importantly and effectively, whether those
12 elected and appointed in those districts are
13 still in office afterwards shall surely reap
14 the consequences of the repercussions of
15 drawing and redrawing district lines to
16 choosing your, and the others that are not
17 on this committee, voters. Rather than the
18 voters having the supreme opportunity to
19 choose in their elected officials from
20 competitive districts, with the most
21 contiguous lines possible.

22 One thing we know, and regardless of
23 what any one of the committee members and
24 those elected in the South Carolina general
25 assembly, and specifically the Senate, it

1 gives hope to the poor and silences the
2 wicked. God does not take the side of
3 rulers, nor favors the rich against the
4 poor, for he created everyone. As you go
5 through this process, it is my duty to speak
6 to you, to set the oppressed and all the
7 voters of South Carolina free, to let this
8 state and the nation know that no man, even
9 though we have remanence through the courts
10 for these and any other fair-- unfair maps
11 and districts that are drawn, and the way
12 these lines are -- and maps are proposed.

13 Those that will adopt unfair to
14 residents, and these lines were drawn
15 against certain ethnicities, you would have
16 picked a fight with God of all creation, and
17 the Universe, -- not man, not human -- shall
18 you reward you good, bad, or indifferent.
19 What you send out into the Universe
20 eventually comes back, whether you see it,
21 believe it or not, it comes back, and you're
22 rewarded for your deeds. Martin Luther King
23 said, and it was quoted, "but let justice
24 roll down as waters in righteousness as a
25 mighty stream." The prophet Amos was

1 saying, as most of the Hebrew profits were
2 saying, that what God wants is justice, and
3 right living, rather than religious ceremony
4 and talk for their own sake. May I ask of
5 the residents of Horry County, and the
6 entire South Carolina, for you to go back
7 and redraw fair U.S. Congress Congressional,
8 State senate, and for those -- even though
9 this is not the House meeting -- for those
10 in the House, districts without cracking and
11 packing. Draw contiguous lines.

12 Why should Horry County be split with
13 five senate districts? 28,30, 32, 33, and
14 34. I believe this (inaudible) body was
15 presented with maps that have more
16 contiguous lines, competitive seats.

17 Remember what goes around comes around
18 quicker than ever in these states. And if
19 these districts aren't drawn right, while
20 you and others may get re-elected, and for
21 those of your social and economic circle--
22 circles get terms, they won't be pleasant.
23 Eventually, you become most miserable,
24 because the Universe never forgets.

25 Majority is not always right. The fact

1 that many people are in support of wrong
2 things goes not make the thing right. After
3 all, the number of persons with poor
4 reasoning capacity is higher than those with
5 better reasoning capacity. I don't read, or
6 care about the majority stance on a
7 particular issue before expressing mine. I
8 look at the issues, we look at the maps, we
9 look at South Carolina, and the testimonies
10 that have been presented thus far, and even
11 -- it's disheartening to sit here and listen
12 at your own colleagues on this distinguished
13 panel, and in the subcommittee, to say that
14 their lack of input on -- in these maps, and
15 the process thus far. There are more
16 foolish people than there are wise people.
17 People who think deeply and critically are
18 fewer compared to those with poor thinking.
19 I can handle the majority, but can't handle
20 my conscious. How do you rest? How would
21 this body, and even in the joint assembly,
22 in the full Senate and House, how would you
23 rest within your conscious to know that this
24 committee has allowed elected officials to
25 continue to pick their voters, than their

1 voters -- as I heard one of your colleagues
2 say -- to be fair about.

3 Whenever you find yourself on the side
4 of the majority, it is time to reform,
5 pause, and reflect. Wrong does not cease to
6 be wrong because the majority share in it.
7 You are personally responsible for becoming
8 more ethical than the society you grew up
9 in. Remember integrity is what you do when
10 no one is watching, it is doing the right
11 thing all the time. Even -- it may work to
12 your disadvantage -- if it works to your
13 disadvantage, excuse me. Integrity is
14 keeping your word, it is an internal
15 compass. A runner that directs you where
16 you know you should go, when everything
17 around you is pulling you in a different
18 direction. In life we aim to please our
19 God, not the popular opinion nor status quo
20 with man.

21 Horry County, yes, we know it can be
22 very complex at times, but we ask that you
23 go back and draw lines that we are not
24 cracking and packing here in Horry County.
25 If the gerrymanded map pass out of this

1 redistricting committee in South Carolina,
2 and across -- things that are going on
3 across the U.S., you become illegal, but not
4 criminal to a certain extent. Sort of like
5 non-legal, non-compliant legislatures and
6 counsels would choose voters, over voters
7 choosing their elected officials.

8 Gerrymandering, no matter the
9 difference, than the latest incident of a
10 string of grab-and-go flash mob theft, and
11 organized robbery plaguing cities across
12 America these days. Police had described
13 the incidents as flash mob theft, while
14 they're actions is too legal -- illegal, you
15 use redistricting loopholes in many cases,
16 outright redistricting grab-and-go.
17 District and geographical mob theft to get
18 the numbers you want to ensure you get the
19 districts you want, regardless of how the
20 constituents suffer at the cost of good old
21 boy, and good old girl systems. Like those
22 grab-and-go flash mob thieves, they took
23 what they wanted, but failed to realize that
24 in this circle of life are climbing the
25 ladder of life. What goes around, again,

1 comes around. What goes up, must come down.
2 You eventually meet the fate of your
3 decisions, the law or retribution. I ask
4 you, as others that have presented and will
5 present later on in this testimony, further
6 testimony, that the South Carolina Senate Re
7 -- Judiciary committee on Redistricting go
8 back.

9 It's easy to put the blame, and just
10 because they are employees, these are staff
11 maps. It's easy to shuck the blame on
12 someone else, but each of you -- each of
13 you, we look to you. The voter apathy of
14 (inaudible) South Carolina is at an all-time
15 low, and across this nation, because people
16 feel that elected officials do what they
17 want to do, so why go to the polls? Why
18 even care anymore? But we ask you that you
19 have this opportunity to do right by South
20 Carolina, by the Senate Districts. So, my
21 grandfather used to say -- he was our pastor
22 -- "and as the good book says, 'don't let
23 the sun go down on your wrath.'" You have a
24 chance now, to live in the sunlight, but
25 keep your shade clean. To do the right

1 thing by South Carolinians, by each Senate
2 District here in South Carolina, and I ask
3 you again to please go back to the drawing
4 board with your staff, and with you
5 individually and collectively.

6 And I thank you. And I want to
7 believe, I did not see the face with what
8 privilege was seeing who it was, but I
9 believe it was Senator Doc-- Dick
10 Harpootlian. I want us to thank him for
11 what he said -- if it wasn't him, please
12 excuse me, because I did not see them --
13 that giving up his seat and what he said.
14 He'd rather for the voter to choose him,
15 than he to choose the voters. And I ask
16 this committee to do the same thing. Be
17 respectful for your colleagues, be
18 respectful to the citizens of South
19 Carolina. You've been presented with maps
20 with competitive districts, I ask you to go
21 back and look at the maps that groups,
22 individuals -- and I see Mr. Ruth is there
23 with Ms. Teague -- they have all presented
24 maps and others. Go back and look at those
25 maps. You have this opportunity to do the

1 right thing, and you are able to have
2 competitive districts here in South
3 Carolina.

4 Why continue to follow the parroted
5 crowd? And in -- in the end, you then loose
6 out. What profit a man to gain the whole
7 world and loose his own soul? You have been
8 presented with competitive district maps,
9 look at those maps. Go back to the drawing
10 board. Because at one point in your life,
11 you're going to come to the point, and all
12 of these things you've done that will affect
13 South Carolina for ten years. Will you be
14 able to live with yourself? While the short
15 term may be good, the rewards of your
16 friends, and those throughout the state that
17 look at this for political and economic
18 gain, you yourselves have to live with you
19 and your families. And why put a curse upon
20 yourself and your families? Because of the
21 evil decisions to go along with these
22 gerrymandered maps.

23 I ask again, to go back to the drawing
24 board and please redraw the maps in the
25 Senate districts of Horry County, and the 46

1 counties of South Carolina with more
2 competitive districts, with the competitive
3 districts that you have been presented with.
4 Again, I yield back, thank you Senate
5 Judiciary Committee for this time, and we
6 look forward to continuing working with you.
7 And we would like to see these fair maps
8 coming out of South Carolina. Thank you so
9 very much.

10 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay, thank you.
11 Thank you, Mr. Blain-Spain. Any questions?
12 There being none, next is Jonah Simmons?

13 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Mr. Chairman?
14 Mr. Chairman, could I say something?

15 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: The Senator -- the
16 Senator from Columbia? Let me put on the
17 record, earlier I asked staff who they had
18 gotten submissions from, and they have just
19 given me the information. Adam Kincaid of
20 The National Republican -- let me make sure
21 I get this correct -- The National
22 Republican Redistricting Trust submitted a
23 plan, or some material, I just want to get
24 that into the record. That is prior to us
25 seeing the plans. Now, to what extent that

1 impacted them would be something that we can
2 inquire into later. Or at the appropriate
3 time, if it happens, a court could inquire -
4 - require depositions. So, I would ask
5 staff to make sure they keep any record of
6 any contact, email, phone call, or whatever
7 they've had by any external or internal
8 group concerning the formulation of these
9 plans. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Thank you. Mr.
11 Jonah Simmons? Are you -- are you there?

12 MR. SIMMONS: Yes, sir. Hello.

13 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Okay. Tell us who -
14 - where you're from, who you represent, if
15 you represent any one other than yourself.

16 MR. SIMMONS: My name is Jonah Simmons,
17 I am in South -- in South Carolina Senate
18 District 8, Ross Turner. South Carolina
19 House District 24, Bruce Bannister. I
20 represent myself at this time.

21 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Thank you.

22 MR. SIMMONS: Yes, sir. Listening to
23 these three testimonies, I appreciate what
24 I've heard. You know, as elected officials,
25 as you are servants of the State, of course

1 you don't intend to make this process
2 opaque, you don't intend to exclude people,
3 exclude your own constituents from this
4 process. They may feel like they are being
5 excluded, but surely you don't intend to
6 make -- to make that feeling happen. But
7 I'm sure that you just -- that they
8 Committee simply did not think of how to
9 make this process more available to people,
10 for example, putting signs up on the
11 highways and heavily trafficked areas weeks,
12 months in advance. To say, "hey, this event
13 -- this -- these meetings are happening at
14 these times, at these locations, here's the
15 number to call," so that people can attend.
16 So that, if it happens during a religious
17 holiday, someone can contact in and say,
18 "hey, I want to be involved, but this is
19 happening during a religious holiday. This
20 needs to be change -- moved to a different
21 date." Or sending out emails, sending out
22 TV advertisements, YouTube advertisements,
23 putting bulletins in different locations to
24 get the word out as much as possible.

25 I'm sure that this was just -- that the

1 Committee members just had not thought of
2 these things, because of course, you would
3 not want to exclude the community from this
4 process. It was just an unintentional
5 effect of your otherwise busy work, to make
6 people feel that they could not get
7 involved. Or you know, otherwise, through
8 your networks, letting people know, "hey,
9 this is happening at this time," so that in
10 a previous meeting that I was in, I didn't -
11 - I should not have had to find out through
12 a Sunrise member -- a Sunrise Movement
13 Member about this meeting 40 minutes before
14 it was happening.

15 I'm sure that was unintentional on the
16 Committee's part. Or you know, letting
17 fellow com-- fellow Committee members know
18 what the documentation was showing. I'm
19 sure there was unintentional to only have
20 partisan organizations have a say in it,
21 like the republican organization that was
22 brought up earlier. But now that you -- now
23 that you have some ideas of how to do these
24 things, how to make it more available for --
25 for the general community, that this can be

1 fixed in the future.

2 Now, I have a message to the audience.

3 What can you all do to improve the

4 transparency of this process, so that this

5 committee, while they figure out ways to

6 improve the transparency, for example,

7 following the advice I just gave, how can

8 you help to increase the transparency of

9 this? To encourage the transparency of

10 this? To get your friends, family, and co-

11 workers involved, to let them know about how

12 -- why this process is important? For

13 example, when you get an email saying this

14 is -- an ev-- this event is happening at

15 this time, posting it on social media,

16 letting people know, these are the

17 politicians who will be at this meeting, and

18 this is how, you know, this is why this is

19 happening, this is how this is happening,

20 this is how to get involved. And maybe

21 posting videos of this on social media

22 maybe? You know, there's different options

23 about how to get the word out about this,

24 and to inform people about the -- about the

25 process.

1 I very much appreciate what I've heard
2 from the other constituents, from the other
3 -- from the other speakers, from what I've
4 heard from the Subcommittee members. It's
5 been very informative for me, and I will be
6 sure to inform my friends and family about
7 how this -- how this process has been going,
8 so they can get an understanding of it
9 themselves.

10 I very much hope that I have been able
11 to provide some advice to the Committee that
12 you can use, to make it clear to the people
13 that you are not just trying to make this an
14 opaque process that constituents are not
15 able to participate in. And to help us to
16 have confidence that all of the committee
17 members, not just those in the majority, or
18 that, you know, that all members of this
19 committee are in fact concerned about making
20 sure everyone feels heard, everyone feels
21 like they can be easily included. And yeah,
22 I hope I was able to provide some -- some
23 constructive criticism. Thank you very
24 much.

25 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Thank you, Mr.

1 Simmons. Is any -- any questions --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 5: (Inaudible).

3 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: -- for Mr. Simmons?

4 Okay, thank you. Okay, I stated this
5 previously, but I'll state it again, that
6 this was the first look at a staff generated
7 Congressional District plan. The purpose of
8 the -- of the hearing today, with regards to
9 that Congressional District plan, was to
10 receive public input and have the public to
11 review that plan. And we have done that, so
12 we -- we will not take any action on
13 adopting or -- or voting on the plan at this
14 point. And so, we will remove -- we will
15 move next to a review of the -- of the
16 Senate staff plan and suggested amendments
17 to that plan. And I'll turn it over to Mr.
18 Will Roberts, who can explain the plan
19 briefly and the amendments.

20 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Excuse me, I need --
22 just to be clear, this is on the South
23 Carolina Senate plan.

24 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25 The Senate plan that was developed by staff,

1 and adopted by this Subcommittee as the
2 working document, is a plan that tries to
3 limit the number of split counties. Limit
4 the number of split VTDs, and tries to keep
5 communities of interest together, as well as
6 following traditional redistricting
7 principles.

8 The staff plan accomplishes that, with
9 having 19 whole counties, and only five
10 split precincts, while balancing out the
11 populations of the districts, so the overall
12 plan deviation is 9.96%. One of the major
13 significant changes in the staff-- the
14 Senate staff plan occurs in the midlands, as
15 well as the Charleston area with the
16 relocation of District 20. Staff released
17 the senate plan on November 4th, 2021, and
18 received testimony on the Senate staff plan
19 on November 12th, 2021. After receiving
20 testimony at the November 12th meeting,
21 there have been some suggestions to the map,
22 and we have one comprehensive amendment to
23 make the im-- to make the changes to the map
24 that impacts four areas in the state.

25 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Yeah, very good.

1 Okay, are there any -- any questions or
2 comments?

3 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I just wanted
4 (inaudible) --

5 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Senator from
6 Colleton?

7 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I -- we received the
8 information, can we just get a minute to
9 look at it?

10 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, ma'am.

11 SENATOR MATTHEWS: It just is being
12 dropped on our desk.

13 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Yes, what -- okay,
14 Will, would you walk us through the
15 amendments, please? The amendment, sorry.

16 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman,
17 the first part of this amendment is going to
18 be in the Beaufort County area, and the
19 districts affected by this amendment are
20 going to be Senate District 43, that's
21 Senator Campsen, Senate District 45, which
22 is Senator Matthews, and Senate District,
23 which is Senator Davis. The precincts that
24 are being changed is Chechessee number one,
25 it moves from Senate District 46 to Senate

1 District 43. The Burton 1A precinct is
2 moving from Senate District 43 to Senate
3 District 45. And the Beaufort number three
4 precinct, in downtown Beaufort area is
5 moving from Senate District 45 to Senate
6 District 43. With these changes, all three
7 impacted districts still maintain a
8 population deviation below five percent.

9 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay. And any
10 questions or comments?

11 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Is Margie happy?

12 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: She is happy, is my
13 understanding. But I'll let her speak for
14 herself.

15 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Not long, but
16 just a yes or no, would be fine.

17 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I have consented to
18 it, happy is really relative.

19 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Just yes or no?

20 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I consented to it
21 (inaudible).

22 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Oh my god, okay
23 fine.

24 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay, and so next
25 you want to move to the Midlands?

1 MR. ROBERTS: That's correct. So, the
2 next amendment -- the next portion of the
3 amendment we have is in the central Savannah
4 River area, as well as the Midlands area.
5 And that's doing to involve Senate District
6 number 3, Senate District number 4, Senate
7 District number 10, Senate District 18,
8 Senate District 23, Senate District 25, and
9 Senate District 40.

10 The first change in this amendment is
11 going to be precinct Anderson 6-1 and
12 Anderson 2-1, those are moving from Senate
13 District 4 to Senate District 3. In
14 Greenwood County, we have Sparrows Grace
15 Precinct, Shoals Junction Precinct, Hodges,
16 and Glendale moving from District 10 to
17 District 4. In Saluda, we've got the Mason
18 Precinct, as well as the Sergeant's Precinct
19 moving from District 10 to 25. In Lexington
20 County, we've got River Bluff moving from
21 Senate District 18 to Senate District 10, we
22 also have the Faith Church precinct moving
23 from Senate District 20-- 23, to District
24 10.

25 One of the changes we also have in this

1 area is going to be Pelion 1, Pelion 2, and
2 Mack-Edisto precinct, moving from Senate
3 District 40 to Senate District 23. As well
4 as this change, in the Midlands area, we
5 have the Mims and Fairview Precincts in
6 Lexington, moving from Senate-- from Senate
7 District 23 to Senate District 40, we have
8 the Oat Grove precinct in Aiken moving from
9 Senate District 25 to Senate District 40.
10 And we moved the Batesburg Precinct in
11 Lexington to Senate-- from Senate District
12 25 to Senate District 23. Again, with the -
13 - the changing of the precincts in this, all
14 the impacted districts are below the five
15 percent deviation threshold adopted by the
16 Subcommittee.

17 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Mr. Chairman? I
18 have --

19 CHAIRMAN CAMPSER: The Senator from
20 Columbia?

21 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- I have one
22 question, this would put Pelion back in
23 Senator Shealey's district?

24 MR. ROBERTS: That's correct.

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Thank God. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Yes. Okay, any
3 further questions? Okay, now we'll move to
4 the Greenville-Spartanburg area.

5 MR. ROBERTS: The Greenville-
6 Spartanburg change in this amendment is
7 between Senate District 12, with Senator
8 Talley, Senate District 13 which is Senator
9 Martin, E.P. Todd Elementary would move from
10 District 12 to District 13, and the Circle
11 Creek precinct would move from District 13
12 to District 12. With this population
13 change, both districts still maintain a
14 population deviation below five percent.

15 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Any questions or
16 comments? Thank you. And now we'll move to
17 Sumter County.

18 MR. ROBERTS: For this change in this
19 amendment, this impacts District 35, which
20 is Senator McElveen, and Senate District 36,
21 which is Senator Kevin Johnson. We're
22 moving to Cherryville Precinct and Saint
23 Paul Precincts from District 36 to District
24 35. And we're moving Morris College,
25 Hampton Park, and Oswego from 35 to 36.

1 With this population change, both districts
2 maintain a population within that five
3 percent deviation threshold.

4 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Just one question.

5 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: The Senator from
6 Colleton?

7 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Just as before,
8 you've already consulted with both Senators
9 Johnson and McElveen, and they've both
10 consented to this change?

11 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, they have.

12 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay, so are those
14 all-- any other -- any other aspects of this
15 amendment that needed to be explained?

16 MR. ROBERTS: That-- that's all I have.

17 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay. Are there any
18 comments or questions?

19 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I would --

20 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: From members? The
21 Senator from Colleton?

22 SENATOR MATTHEWS: -- I don't think we
23 have any questions, we've been -- we have
24 been discussing this for some -- these
25 changes for quite some time. I would move

1 adoption of amendment number one to -- one
2 the areas that have been discussed.

3 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Okay.

4 SENATOR MATTHEWS: That would be
5 Beaufort, C-S-R-A Midlands, and Greenville-
6 Spartanburg, as well as Sumter County.

7 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Okay, we have a --
8 we have a motion, do we have a second?

9 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: I have a --
10 second, and I have a question.

11 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Second from Senator
12 from Columbia, and a question.

13 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: I want to make
14 sure that Senator Hutto has reviewed these
15 and signed off? Consented?

16 SENATOR SABB: (Inaudible) consented to
17 it (inaudible) intentions?

18 MR. FIFFICK: (Inaudible) he
19 (inaudible) just do the (inaudible). He
20 picks up two or three (inaudible). So, let's
21 just say the intention (inaudible).

22 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: I just texted
23 him. Let me just (inaudible). Hold on, one
24 second. He's calling --

25 MR. FIFFICK: (Inaudible).

1 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- he's calling
2 right now, hold on. If you give me two
3 seconds.

4 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: We'll stand at ease.

5 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Hold on, one
6 second. Andy, tell him what we're doing.

7 MR. FIFFICK: (Inaudible) --

8 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Oh.

9 MR. FIFFICK: -- (inaudible).

10 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Hold on, hold on.

11 MR. FIFFICK: (Inaudible).

12 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Can you hear him?

13 MR. FIFFICK: I can.

14 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay, good.

15 MR. FIFFICK: (Inaudible). He's
16 calling.

17 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Yeah, call him.
18 He's going to call him right now. You got a
19 cell phone?

20 MR. FIFFICK: (Inaudible).

21 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: (Inaudible) yeah,
22 he's calling.

23 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Did you have your
24 questions answered?

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: It's being

1 answered right now.

2 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay, we --

3 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: I'm just talking
4 to Senator Hutto. (Inaudible) --

5 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay, we'll remain
6 at ease.

7 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: You got him?

8 MR. FIFFICK: It just says,
9 (inaudible).

10 SENATOR MATTHEWS: I don't have a
11 problem with amending my motion subject to
12 the approval of Senator Hutto.

13 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Fine, second.

14 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay. So, we have a
15 motion up-- reserving all rights to ask for
16 this to be changed at full committee. We
17 have a motion for adoption of amendment
18 number one to the Senate Redistricting Plan.
19 And we have a second?

20 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Any discussion?
22 Being no discussion, we'll move immediately
23 to a vote. All in favor indicate by saying,
24 "aye."

25 ALL: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Opposed?

2 SENATOR YOUNG: Aye.

3 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Oh, that scared me.

4 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: That's -- Senator
5 Young voted aye as well?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 5: (Inaudible).

7 CHAIRMAN CAMPSEN: Opposed? None being
8 opposed, that's a unanimous vote. Okay, and
9 next we will have a -- we -- other business
10 in the future, this is a future process. We
11 will have a subsequent subcommittee meeting
12 to review the proposed congressional plans.
13 Of course, again, this was the staff's
14 proposed plans for any meaningful input from
15 the members of the committee, or the senate.
16 And send forth a recommendation to the full
17 Judiciary Committee, but we will have a
18 subsequent subcommittee meeting on that, the
19 congressional plan.

20 At the full judiciary committee
21 meeting, we'll adopt the proposals for the
22 State Senate, and the Congressional Plan, if
23 it is out of Subcommittee at that time, for
24 a report to the full Senate.

25 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Mr. Chairman?

1 Could I ask a question (inaudible)?

2 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: The Senator from
3 Columbia?

4 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: So, as I
5 understand it, we're coming back full -- the
6 Senate's coming back next Monday, am I
7 correct about that?

8 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: That's correct.

9 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: To take up these
10 plans?

11 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: That is correct.

12 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Do you have any
13 idea as to when we would be having an
14 additional Subcommittee meeting, or a full
15 committee meeting?

16 MS. BENSON: Mr. Chairman, I've heard -
17 - Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Staff has heard
19 Friday, is that right perhaps?

20 MS. BENSON: Or -- or Thursday, yes.

21 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Thursday or Friday
22 of these week, perhaps.

23 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: I would only ask
24 that --

25 MS. BENSON: Oh, Jesus.

1 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: -- and not that
2 I'm in any hurry, but that we know as soon
3 as possible, because if -- and if in fact,
4 staff is going to amend what we just heard
5 about the Congressional Plan, I would like
6 to see it before Thursday or Friday, before
7 we're asked to vote on it. Does that make
8 sense?

9 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: That makes sense.

10 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Just a --

11 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: And we will relay
13 that to the Chairman, who will be calling
14 the shots actually on that, not me.

15 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Well, I just -- I
16 just think that we have -- not that we were
17 short time -- when we got this proposed plan
18 in the middle of the Thanksgiving holiday,
19 put a crimp on our ability to really do any
20 real analysis on it. Although, what I saw I
21 didn't like. I'm sure the staff will have
22 some modifications to it before we see it
23 next time, and we're going to need some time
24 to digest those.

25 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Okay. We'll relay

1 that to the Chairman; the staff has heard
2 that loud and clear.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 6: (Inaudible).

4 SENATOR HARPOOTILAN: Okay, alright.

5 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Mr. --

6 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: The Senator from
7 Colleton?

8 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Mr. Acting Chair,
9 thank you. Just a quick question for -- to
10 further elaborate on our planning. I know
11 that we have to be in session on Monday --
12 is it Monday? Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Correct.

14 SENATOR MATTHEWS: So, before this can
15 be presented on the floor -- and I
16 understand we've got to get this done
17 because the calendar is rolling -- then when
18 do I -- I know this committee -- this
19 subcommittee -- is planning to meet sometime
20 this week. When will the general Judiciary
21 Committee -- when is it proposed that that
22 committee will meet? Because I don't
23 imagine it can go to the floor until the
24 Judiciary -- full Judiciary meets.

25 MS. BENSON: (Inaudible).

1 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Because quite a few
2 of us, there's NBCSL in Col-- in Atlanta
3 this week, quite a few of us have been
4 approved by the Senate and the House to go
5 to that. And I'm just trying to make sure
6 we get it scheduled.

7 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Well, it's my
8 understanding that the full committee maybe
9 --

10 MS. BENSON: Out?

11 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: -- I'm going -- I'm
12 going to let Ms. Benson address that,
13 because she's had discussions with the
14 Chairman.

15 MS. BENSON: Mr. Chairman, as I
16 understand, the consideration is that the
17 full committee may meet on the same day that
18 the subcommittee --

19 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Sort of like they
20 did --

21 MS. BENSON: -- meets --

22 SENATOR MATTHEWS: -- in the House?

23 MS. BENSON: Yes.

24 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Okay.

25 MS. BENSON: And the dates I have heard

1 spoken about were Thursday and Friday. I
2 suppose Monday is a possibility.

3 SENATOR MATTHEWS: We go into session
4 at what time on Monday?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 7: One o'clock.
6 One (inaudible).

7 SENATOR MATTHEWS: And the House --

8 MS. BENSON: One --

9 SENATOR MATTHEWS: -- is in session
10 tomorrow?

11 MS. BENSON: Yes.

12 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Okay, thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: And again, I would
14 remind all committee members that, you know,
15 we -- this is --

16 SENATOR MATTHEWS: We got to do it.

17 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: Yeah, we need to do
18 it, we need to get it done. We also got the
19 census data like five months late too, which
20 --

21 SENATOR MATTHEWS: Right.

22 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: -- put us behind on
23 the ti-- as far as the time schedule. So,
24 that's one factor that's contributing to
25 this -- to this somewhat compressed --

1 SENATOR MATTHEWS: (Inaudible).

2 CHAIRMAN CAMPSSEN: -- schedule. Okay,
3 any other comments or questions? If there
4 be none, we'll stand adjourned. Thank you
5 for your participation.

6 AUTOMATED SPEAKER: Goodbye.

7 (End of recording.)

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