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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 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