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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (Starting time of the Hearing: 1:05

3 p.m.)

4 I. Introductions

5 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: We will convene this  
6 meeting of the Senate Redistricting Commission.  
7 Welcome. My name is Doug Harpool and I am the  
8 Chairman of the Commission. We're made up of five  
9 Democrats, five Republicans selected by the  
10 political parties and then further selected by the  
11 Governor.

12 We have an important task for our State,  
13 and that is to put our Senate Districts in  
14 compliance with the laws of our country, both the  
15 Constitution and State, which require that the  
16 Districts have relatively equal people and be  
17 reapportioned every ten years. So the Senate  
18 Districts are the sole topic of our jurisdiction -  
19 State Senate Districts.

20 We will be changing the Districts  
21 because we have no choice. The law requires it.  
22 There are certain Constitutional parameters that we  
23 must meet in our new map. There are some other  
24 issues which we're allowed to consider in reaching  
25 a final decision. There are equal numbers of

1 Democrats and Republicans, and if we're not able to  
2 reach an agreement then - we have this summer to  
3 try to get something done. If we don't, then the  
4 courts will intervene and they will then decide  
5 what the new Senate Districts will be.

6 This is our third public hearing. We've  
7 been in Jefferson City, Springfield, and now Kansas  
8 City. Tomorrow, we'll be in St. Louis, tomorrow  
9 afternoon, and we're here to hear what you have to  
10 say about the redistricting process. And you can  
11 testify as generally about Constitutional  
12 principles you think we should focus on. You can  
13 talk more specifically about criteria you think we  
14 should apply. Or you can talk very specifically  
15 about District number so and so and where you think  
16 its boundaries ought to be.

17 So far, this Commission, as a whole, has  
18 not discussed or debated any map. As Chairman, I  
19 put out a map to give folks an idea of the types of  
20 changes that might happen under redistricting, but  
21 that is not a map that this Commission has adopted  
22 and it's one that we haven't even debated or  
23 discussed yet. And it's simply to get the ball  
24 rolling to give us some ideas.

25 Now, if you would like to testify for

1 us, we do need to make a record. We have a Court  
2 Reporter here who is transcribing everything I say  
3 and everything that you say. If you want to submit  
4 written materials in addition to your testimony,  
5 you may do that, and those written materials will  
6 become part of the record that we'll consider as we  
7 go forward. Our Commission members will have a  
8 transcript of everything said at each of our public  
9 hearings and we'll be able to go back and review  
10 the testimony we've received in making decisions.

11 But if you do want to testify, we need  
12 you to fill out one of these forms. They're on the  
13 back table and there are also pens on the back  
14 table. So if you wish to testify, please fill one  
15 out and give it to the Staff.

16 This is the Office of Administration  
17 Staff. They're non-partisan, but they are here to  
18 help us understand the population trends, to  
19 understand how the districts need to change, the  
20 demographics of various districts, and they are  
21 here, also, to provide staffing to our  
22 Commissioners. So please, if you want to testify,  
23 pick up one of these pieces of paper on the back  
24 table, fill it out and give it to the OA staff and  
25 they will see that we obtain a copy of it.

1 I do want to say that I am a Democrat.  
2 John Maupin, who's behind me, is the Vice Chairman  
3 and he is Republican, and Joe Passanise, who is not  
4 able to be with us today is a Republican and he is  
5 our Secretary, and Miles Ross, one of our  
6 Republican members, is filling in for Mr. Passanise  
7 in his absence, as Secretary to keep minutes of the  
8 Commission.

9 II. Open the floor for public comment

10 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: If you'd like to  
11 testify, the first person we have, Rob Willard.  
12 Mr. Willard, welcome. Would you please state and  
13 spell your name so the Court Reporter can make sure  
14 that the record is accurate.

15 MR. WILLARD: Yes. It's Rob Willard.  
16 R-O-B W-I-L-L-A-R-D. And thank you, Mr. Chairman  
17 and the other members of the Commission. As I just  
18 said, my name is Rob Willard. I'm a resident of  
19 Kansas City, Platte County, Missouri. More  
20 specifically, I'm a resident of the 32nd  
21 Legislative District, the 34th State Senatorial  
22 District, and I'm a practicing attorney in Platte  
23 City, Missouri.

24 In the interest of full disclosure,  
25 although I'm not here in that official capacity,

1 I'm a current member of the Platte County  
2 Republican Central Committee, so I'm not completely  
3 non-partisan in what I have to say, but that's not  
4 the purpose of me being here.

5 And on a personal note, I always have a  
6 distinct interest in the issue of redistricting.  
7 My father served on the first Reapportionment  
8 Commission in 1966 for the House of Representatives  
9 in the wake of the Supreme Court decision. And my  
10 grandfather was his counterpart actually on the  
11 Senate side. It was my mother's father. So to say  
12 that this is kind of a family affair or a family  
13 business, however strange of a family business, it  
14 is something that I've been interested in for a  
15 long time.

16 But I'm not here today in my capacity as  
17 a member of the Platte County Republican Committee.  
18 I'm not here today to talk about what my  
19 grandfather or father may have done 40 years ago.  
20 I am here today because I'm compelled to come  
21 forward and testify over my concern when I saw some  
22 maps surfacing on the internet on proposals for  
23 both the Legislative boundaries and the State  
24 Senate boundaries. And a number of folks have been  
25 describing that both in your counterparts in the

1 House hearing today and the Senate hearing, that  
2 it's a starting point for discussion.

3 But when I saw proposals for these maps  
4 coming to the surface, proposals that seemed to not  
5 have any public input at all, I was nervous because  
6 I felt like it was setting a bad precedent. And  
7 before I came to the hearing today, a number of  
8 friends of mine asked me why I was bothering  
9 testifying. They said, "Well, we saw the maps. We  
10 saw the maps online. They've already written the  
11 maps, so the fix must be in." And I tried to  
12 convince them that, on the other hand, that, no, we  
13 have an open hearing process.

14 And I find it just very, very concerning  
15 that that's how the process began, because a map  
16 drawn behind closed doors by a cadre of consultants  
17 and cartographers already in place without input  
18 from the communities, I think it's off on a bad  
19 foot. So I believe that we should start - instead  
20 of those maps being the starting point for  
21 discussion, I believe that we should start with the  
22 current maps, as they exist now, but also starting  
23 with the Constitutional principles and the  
24 Constitutional guidelines that have been set down  
25 for nearly a half century.

1           The Missouri Constitution and the United  
2 States Supreme Court, in a line of cases starting  
3 with Baker v. Carr and Reynolds v. Sims, have  
4 articulated the standards very clearly as to what  
5 standard the Commission should apply. And those  
6 would be that State Senate Districts should be  
7 contiguous to each other, compact as possible, and  
8 as equal in population as possible. I think those  
9 are pretty fair guidelines to start from.

10           Another factor to consider in  
11 redistricting is the concept of communities of  
12 interest. Now, Missouri doesn't have a precise  
13 concept of this. Kansas has a definition, and as a  
14 true Missouri Tiger, it pains me to look to Kansas  
15 as an example for anything, and I just say that  
16 with a big caveat first. But Kansas discusses  
17 communities sharing social, cultural, racial,  
18 ethnic, and economic interests. Other states,  
19 ranging from Alabama to Vermont, have talked about  
20 geographic patterns to be respected, such as  
21 municipalities, county lines, school districts.

22           I'm just concerned that if there's  
23 already a map in place, again, if only a starting  
24 point, if those factors are really being taken into  
25 account. And I don't think it matters what term

1 the Commission decides to use, whether they decide  
2 to use the term communities of interest, I think as  
3 long as you follow the principle, that these  
4 Legislative Districts are more than simply lines on  
5 a map, that State Legislative Districts and State  
6 Senate Districts should be drawn in harmony with  
7 the existing communities of interest and should not  
8 be drawn simply based on political calculation.  
9 And I'm not naive. I know that you cannot  
10 completely remove politics from the process, but I  
11 believe following those Constitutional guidelines,  
12 which have worked well for a half century, is a  
13 very good starting point, and just drawing simply  
14 arbitrary lines, I think, would lead to a number of  
15 problems.

16 Now, I live in the 34th Senatorial  
17 District. With one map that has floated to the  
18 surface, my District would basically remain the  
19 same, Platte and Buchanan. And I think there's a  
20 historical precedent for this, Platte and Buchanan  
21 have shared a State Senator for decades.

22 One area that I'm concerned is the 8th  
23 Senatorial District, which encompasses eastern  
24 Jackson County and part of southern Clay County.  
25 It is true in the past that Clay County and Jackson

1 County have shared a State Senator. I believe when  
2 Ed Quick was a State Senator, at one time those  
3 District lines did cross county lines, but not to  
4 the extent as one of the proposals on the map. And  
5 I believe that if we're going to keep communities  
6 of interest together, that that needs to be  
7 considered, keeping the 8th District more contained  
8 as to what it is right now. Because if we take a  
9 look at these communities, what they have common if  
10 you try to take in southern Platte County and some  
11 of these urban areas of Clay County, along with the  
12 developing portions of Jackson County, they don't  
13 share nearly as many commonalities.

14 So I believe if the Commission follows  
15 all of those - follows the precedents and follows  
16 the Constitutional principles, I believe the  
17 Commission can come up with a map that would meet  
18 all those criteria. Because in order for people to  
19 maintain their faith in these institutions of  
20 government, they must know that their democratic  
21 process is free and fair. And Constitutional  
22 guidelines have lit that path for a half century  
23 and I would ask the Commission to stay on that path  
24 today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Alright, let me start

1 with a question. Do you agree that the present  
2 Districts do not have relatively equal population?

3 MR. WILLARD: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: So by having a map to  
5 work with that does have relatively equal  
6 population Districts, we have met - we start from a  
7 Constitutional criteria; correct?

8 MR. WILLARD: Well, from a Constitutional  
9 criteria. But as a basis of discussion, I believe  
10 that a map should surface after public hearings and  
11 discussion rather than loading the deck and  
12 starting with a map, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: But don't you think  
14 you should start with a map that complies with the  
15 equal population requirement?

16 MR. WILLARD: I think you should start  
17 with the current map and adjust it from there.

18 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Alright, well we  
19 disagree on that. I enjoyed your eloquent phrase  
20 that we had consultants and other people involved  
21 in writing this map. I don't believe I've ever met  
22 you; have I?

23 MR. WILLARD: No, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: So since I wrote the  
25 map, I'd be interested - I want you to tell me what

1 political consultant helped me write the map?

2 MR. WILLARD: And sir, I don't know.  
3 We've never met. We've never discussed.

4 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: So basically, you had  
5 no basis for that allegation or claim; did you?

6 MR. WILLARD: Sir-

7 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Did you?

8 MR. WILLARD: No, sir, in your specific  
9 instance, I had no basis to claim that you had  
10 dealt with any political consultants.

11 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. Other  
12 questions of this witness? Thank you, sir.

13 MR. WILLARD: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Jim Fitts. Welcome,  
15 sir.

16 MR. FITTS: Thank you. My name is Jim  
17 Fitts. I'm with the Jackson County Republican  
18 Committee, Vice Chairman.

19 My main interest is the 9th and 10th  
20 Districts. These districts, if you look at the  
21 map, they're spread out. They cannot function well  
22 for the people. People in the districts, both of  
23 them have different interests, needs and a couple  
24 of them would be housing, taxes, and so forth.

25 With the Districts the way they are,

1 it's difficult for the candidates to work the  
2 Districts so that people know their positions and  
3 what they stand for. If you look at the map, the  
4 District is all over Jackson County. You'll have a  
5 chunk that's with the 9th, part that's with the  
6 10th.

7 In my Ward, both the 9th and the 10th  
8 Districts, Senatorial Districts, are in my Ward,  
9 and it's that way pretty much over the city. And I  
10 think it's to the advantage of the voters to make  
11 these Districts more compact, more easily worked by  
12 candidates so that they can get their position out.

13 My suggestion for the 9th and 10th, if  
14 you want suggestions, take the 9th District from  
15 the river to 75th Street. The people's interests  
16 there are pretty much the same. And District 10,  
17 from 75th Street south to the county line, the Cass  
18 County line. And of course, it would be bounded on  
19 the Jackson County lines to the west and to the  
20 east. That's - any questions?

21 CHAIRMAN MAXWELL: Let me ask you, and I  
22 should tell Mr. Willard, also, that you may submit  
23 to us a map and we'll be glad to look at it. If  
24 you want to - have you checked the population of  
25 the two districts you just suggested?

1 MR. FITTS: No, I haven't checked it, but  
2 I believe they're at least close.

3 CHAIRMAN MAXWELL: You have a sense they  
4 would be relatively equal?

5 MR. FITTS: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN MAXWELL: Alright, you're  
7 welcome to submit a map if you would like to and we  
8 will consider that as part of our deliberations.

9 MR. FITTS: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN MAXWELL: You're not required  
11 to.

12 MR. FITTS: No.

13 CHAIRMAN MAXWELL: I'm just telling you,  
14 you're invited to.

15 MR. FITTS: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: Mr. Fitts, I'm John  
17 Maupin. I'm looking at the populations and they  
18 vary from the ideal population of a senate district  
19 after this census is 176,145 people. The 9th and  
20 the 10th, together, are 49,000 below, so you'd have  
21 to expand those Districts considerably, one way or  
22 another, to keep two Districts in that area. I  
23 mean, they are so far below the ideal size that  
24 they will not be able to occupy those same  
25 territories. They'll have to expand if you want to

1 keep two Districts.

2 MR. FITTS: Well, I really didn't -  
3 you're going to have to expand either into Platte  
4 and Clay County to the north, or to the south, you  
5 can expand into Cass County. But unless you're -  
6 you know, unless you just want to keep Jackson  
7 County as a whole, you're not going to be - that's  
8 the only way you can do it.

9 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: That's our  
10 challenge, and I would ask you when you submit your  
11 map, if you want to submit a map, please consider  
12 these populations and so we can have - one of the  
13 goals we have is trying to reach Districts which  
14 are somewhat equal in size. As equal in size as  
15 practical, I believe is what the Constitution says.  
16 They need to be changed dramatically in order to  
17 meet that criterion and I would ask you to keep  
18 that in mind.

19 MR. FITTS: What was the figure on the  
20 population?

21 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: Okay, the target  
22 number is 176,145. And the 9th District, as of the  
23 2010 population, has 142,146, and the 10th District  
24 has 160,344. So collectively then, they are 49,000  
25 below what you need. You need to find - if you

1 want to keep those two Districts, you have to find  
2 another 49 or 50,000 people to fit in there some  
3 way, keeping in mind your idea for communities of  
4 interest.

5 That's going to be your challenge to  
6 draft a map like that, and it's also going to be  
7 our challenge, we have to draft a map that can pass  
8 Constitutional muster.

9 MR. FITTS: Well, if I decide to draft a  
10 map, do I have to give it to you today?

11 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: Oh, no, sir.

12 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: It needs to be  
13 submitted to the Office of Administration prior to  
14 June 3rd at 5:00.

15 MR. FITTS: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: That's a tentative  
17 deadline, but we're trying to work that out with  
18 the House Commission that we can all agree on a  
19 similar deadline for all Commissions.

20 MR. FITTS: Okay. Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER MAZUR: I've got a question,  
23 Mr. Fitts.

24 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I'm sorry.

25 MR. FITTS: Yes, sir.

1                   COMMISSIONER MAZUR: Jeff Mazur. We  
2 talked a little bit about some of the  
3 Constitutional requirements that we all have to  
4 follow when doing this. One of the things that  
5 Constitutional jurisprudence has told us is that we  
6 need to make sure we're not diluting minority  
7 voting power, and specifically in an instance like  
8 the 9th Senate District, which is currently a  
9 majority/minority District, we have to be cognizant  
10 of the fact that when we redraw new Districts, that  
11 we're not essentially destroying what is now a  
12 majority/minority District.

13                   So I just want to be sure that when you  
14 submit your map, you're being cognizant of the fact  
15 that there's some other jurisprudential concerns  
16 that affect this process as well beyond what is  
17 simply in the Constitution and we certainly need to  
18 be cognizant of that as we draw a map, so any  
19 proposal you put forward, I would urge you to  
20 consider that as well.

21                   MR. FITTS: Thank you.

22                   CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you, sir. And  
23 as I started and as Mr. Willard inferred, there are  
24 several Constitutional criteria we have to address  
25 in writing these maps. It's remarkable the

1 population changes and shifts we've seen in this  
2 State in ten years. And we have data available  
3 that will be available, I think, online, won't it,  
4 that - will the population information be available  
5 online?

6 MR. HESSER: Yes

7 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Of the various  
8 counties?

9 MR. HESSER: We have quite a bit of it  
10 out there on OA's website.

11 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: You can see how the  
12 various counties have grown or reduced in size and  
13 the impact that has on Senate Districts is  
14 substantial in some instances. Anyone else wishing  
15 to testify? Thank you. Nola Wood.

16 MS. WOOD: Yes. My name is Nola Wood. I  
17 live in south Kansas City. I did run in the  
18 special election for the 9th District in February,  
19 so I do have some first hand experience and  
20 opinions about our current situation.

21 This is the existing map and, as you  
22 see, the 9th District is basically a rectangle, you  
23 know, with, you know, of course, some kind of  
24 interesting lines. But then the 10th District is  
25 kind of a bad example of gerrymandering, it would

1 seem. It starts with the northeast historic Kansas  
2 City communities, strong, ethnic populations,  
3 coming down kind of a more affluent corridor down  
4 to the State line, coming down to a more middle  
5 class neighborhood in the south end of Kansas City,  
6 and then encompassing all of Grandview and then  
7 going over into Lee's Summit, coming back up to  
8 Bannister Road.

9 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Ma'am, just so the  
10 record is clear, you are talking about the present  
11 map?

12 MS. WOOD: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN Harpool: The one that has been  
14 in effect the last ten years?

15 MS. WOOD: Yes, sir.

16 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: And you're holding in  
17 front of us this map and you've been showing us  
18 with your finger how that District goes; right?

19 MS. WOOD: Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Alright, go ahead.

21 MS. WOOD: Yes, for the record. And so  
22 my concern is, of course, first of all, the  
23 Constitutional concerns of the Districts being  
24 compact and contiguous. And so I would also like  
25 to see us - I would like to recommend a redrawing

1 of the lines that would encompass a large group of  
2 minority populations here, as well as more well to  
3 do on this corridor and then would also bring  
4 together more communities of interest in the south  
5 area in Grandview and south Kansas City. And I did  
6 not have the population figures, but I understand  
7 what we're saying.

8 I think if we had to go further south,  
9 Cass County would be logical as far as similar  
10 communities of interest into Belton, or Raytown  
11 would share many similar concerns. Going across  
12 the river in Kansas City is acceptable, but it does  
13 feel very much like a separate community.

14 So those are my recommendations. I  
15 really appreciate you're taking time to host this  
16 hearing and I appreciate having the opportunity to  
17 give input. Are there any questions?

18 COMMISSIONER MAZUR: Yes, Jeff Mazur. I  
19 want to make sure you're comfortable with the  
20 notion if we're going to take the suggestions that  
21 you've proffered here today, that you would take  
22 what is a Constitutionally protected 60 percent  
23 more or less African-American majority/minority  
24 District and slice it into what is essentially two  
25 Districts that may have between 30 and 40 percent

1 African-American populations, essentially diluting  
2 the African-American and minority voting  
3 population. And diluting is not my term. That's a  
4 term that the courts have use to define a situation  
5 like that.

6 So are you comfortable with that as an  
7 outcome for adoption of a map like the one you  
8 described?

9 MS. WOOD: I don't think that would  
10 actually be a problem, because the minority  
11 community, of course, has many - as soon as they're  
12 able, do move out, and so there is significant  
13 minority community all around and throughout  
14 Jackson County. The more well to do corridor here  
15 that is part of the 10th, I think in a way is  
16 currently violating that principal because you have  
17 the minority communities up here near the river and  
18 then you have a well to do community down this  
19 corridor and then in Grandview, you have a mix, you  
20 know, pretty much blue collar to middle class mix.

21 COMMISSIONER MAZUR: I understand. Thank  
22 you for explaining your position. I just wanted it  
23 to be clear. You described this somewhat different  
24 shape of the 10th than the 9th now, the 9th kind of  
25 existing in the urban core of Kansas City. It was

1 not drawn accidentally that way. It was drawn in  
2 order to make sure that population there met a  
3 certain percentage of minority population.

4 So I just wanted to be clear about that,  
5 that that's not accidental. It didn't just happen  
6 that way. That was created specifically to create  
7 that outcome.

8 MS. WOOD: Yes, I do understand that and  
9 I don't think we would have a problem having a more  
10 Constitutionally compact and contiguous districts  
11 that would give all the benefits of those two  
12 principles and I don't think we would violate the  
13 racial mix.

14 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: Ms. Wood, do you  
15 think you'd have the opportunity to prepare a map  
16 that might consider the ethnicity, the racial  
17 makeup of these Districts, and also the population  
18 shifts?

19 MS. WOOD: If those figures are  
20 available, and I'm sure they are, I'll be glad to  
21 contribute in that way.

22 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: Thank you. I think  
23 Mr. Chairman has indicated that that opportunity  
24 will be open until 5:00 on June the 3rd.

25 MS. WOOD: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: And I'm sure if you  
2 have questions, the OA staff is available to help  
3 you access the demographic information you may need  
4 to arrive at such a product.

5 MS. WOOD: Great, thank you. Anyone  
6 else?

7 COMMISSIONER ROSS: Ma'am, what  
8 information did you use to prepare your testimony?

9 MS. WOOD: Well, as I said, I did run for  
10 the 9th District in February-

11 COMMISSIONER ROSS: Sure. But other than  
12 just seeing a District, do you have any demographic  
13 information?

14 MS. WOOD: I don't personally. I am in  
15 the insurance business and I have many customers  
16 throughout this area, and so I probably have more  
17 of a feel for the demographic mix than most people  
18 might.

19 COMMISSIONER ROSS: Okay, thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you, Ma'am.

21 MS. WOOD: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Anyone else wishing to  
23 present testimony to the Commission? We have a big  
24 crowd and no testifiers. Are you sure no one else  
25 has anything they want to say?

1 UNKNOWN MALE: Can we pick a few out of  
2 the crowd and just-

3 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I don't believe we're  
4 allowed to do that.

5 SENATOR SCOTT: Mr. Harpool-

6 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Senator?

7 SENATOR SCOTT: If I could fill out the  
8 paperwork later.

9 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Well, we will give you  
10 that deference, sir. We know where to find you.

11 SENATOR SCOTT: Alright, very good.  
12 Thank you, Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee.  
13 For the record, Delbert Scott, from Lowry City.  
14 While I currently live there, I'm working in this  
15 area and you were the handiest Commission to get  
16 to.

17 My focus would be not so much on the  
18 Kansas City area as the job that you have to do in  
19 the rural area. The current District that I - I've  
20 had the privilege of serving under the last three  
21 redistrictings of the House and Senate, and the  
22 challenge that I see is more in the community area  
23 in rural areas. The current District that I just  
24 left was nine counties if you drove from the  
25 northeast corner of Pettis to the southeast corner

1 of Dallas to the southwest corner of Martin County,  
2 you'd drive about 200 miles in one District.

3 It is very difficult to get communities  
4 of interest in a rural map. There's no solution to  
5 that, but while the urban ones have their own  
6 communities, certainly the rural areas are  
7 distinctly different. The county is different,  
8 economics are different.

9 I admire the task that you have before  
10 you. If I could make a suggestion just from a  
11 personal experience in the rural area, the  
12 challenge of keeping the Districts as compact  
13 geographically as possible. There can be long,  
14 long district, and I know if there are very few  
15 people living in an area, you've got to go a long  
16 ways to get enough people to have a District. But  
17 if you can draw the map where it's compact enough  
18 for whoever is represented, or whoever is chosen to  
19 represent the people, that they don't have to spend  
20 all their life on the road, then everybody is  
21 better served that way.

22 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. And I'll  
23 tell you we have a real challenge. Some of the  
24 northern counties have lost lots of population and  
25 they were already some of the geographically larger

1 Districts. So we'll have a challenge trying to  
2 work with those communities.

3 SENATOR SCOTT: I had nine counties and I  
4 think there was one District up there with  
5 seventeen counties, I think.

6 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: Senator Lager has  
7 seventeen presently and it's looking to get bigger.

8 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I represented a  
9 District that was about twenty miles across and I  
10 thought it was big. I can't imagine you guys  
11 trying-

12 SENATOR SCOTT: My House district was 100  
13 miles across when you had the District there at  
14 Greene County and I felt for you, but I just drove  
15 and drove and drove.

16 There's no way to do it. I mean that's  
17 what you've got to do to have an equal population.  
18 But as you look, if you could keep them as compact  
19 as possible, that would be great.

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: And sir, each time you  
21 had a city, you had a mayor and a city council and  
22 a school board that deserves attention from their  
23 Senator and it kind of grows exponentially there;  
24 doesn't it?

25 SENATOR SCOTT: And you take the District

1 I was just in recently, the city of Lamar had  
2 noting in common with the city of Sedalia and most  
3 people never went to either place, nor the city of  
4 Buffalo to either one of them. And it's the  
5 challenge of the job.

6 I wish you well. I'm sure you're going  
7 to do well and have lots of discussion, but that's  
8 a big issue.

9 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Well there are - if  
10 you have any specific comments as you see maps  
11 posted or otherwise, feel free to contact any  
12 member of the Commission with your input.

13 SENATOR SCOTT: I certainly trust your  
14 wisdom. You're going to do a good job. Thank you,  
15 Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. Alright,  
17 you've had a moment to think. Anyone else think of  
18 something they wish to tell us? If not, I have one  
19 comment to the Commission.

20 III. Announcements

21 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: The June 3rd date was  
22 one actually that the House had adopted. I had  
23 spoken with Mr. Maupin about it. I didn't mean to  
24 just spring it on everybody, but we felt like we  
25 had to have a date by which written submissions

1 from the public needed to be in and we felt like  
2 that was a fair amount of time. If you want to  
3 expand that day, of course, we can vote to do that.  
4 I didn't mean to just spring that, but we think  
5 we'll work that out.

6 We also need to be thinking about  
7 meeting dates after our public hearing tomorrow.  
8 Please check your calendars tonight so that we kind  
9 of get - exchange calendar dates when we can get  
10 together and do some more deliberative work among  
11 ourselves, and probably that will be after June  
12 3rd, probably maybe after that week. We will take  
13 Vice Chairman Maupin's suggestion so we have a week  
14 to digest everything that's been submitted.

15 So maybe start giving dates from the  
16 week of the 10th or so of June for the next few  
17 weeks and we'll see when we can get together.  
18 Probably in Jeff City, just because we all travel a  
19 little rather than a few of us have to travel a  
20 lot. Okay, is there a motion to adjourn?

21 COMMISSIONER MAZUR: Mr. Chairman, just  
22 as far as process for the submission of testimony  
23 by the June 3rd deadline, is the practice still to  
24 have those things sent to Matt Hesser or is there a  
25 different process in place?

1 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: No, I think that's  
2 what we're going to do. This is Matt Hesser with -  
3 and what is our email?

4 MR. HESSER: The email address you can  
5 send things to is matt.hesser@oa.mo.gov.

6 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Okay. Any other  
7 comments from the Commission?

8 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: And I think our  
9 discussion has been that people who testify who  
10 want to submit a map have until that date, but  
11 we're not inviting groups who have not appeared  
12 before us in a public hearing-

13 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: That's correct.

14 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: -to submit maps  
15 autonomously. Our theory is that this is a public  
16 hearing process and if we want to have something as  
17 part of the public record, it should have had a  
18 genesis at least in a public hearing through a  
19 witness?

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I agree, and I think  
21 the only exception to that, we're taking perhaps  
22 some people in the Joplin area who have other  
23 things on their mind right now. But other than  
24 that, we want people who have testified and want to  
25 supplement their testimony with a map. You're

1 correct. Anything else?

2 IV. Adjourn

3 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Is there a motion to  
4 adjourn?

5 COMMISSIONER MAZUR: So moved.

6 COMMISSIONER SAUNDERS: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Moved and seconded we  
8 adjourn. All in favor?

9 (All said aye.)

10 (Conclusion of the Hearing: 1:38 p.m.)

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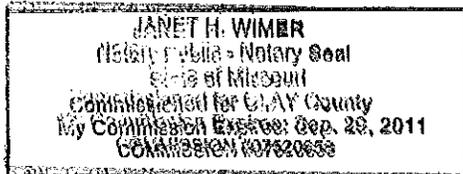
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