

Minutes
Senate Redistricting Subcommittee Meeting

Room 105, Gressette Building, Columbia, S.C.
June 8, 2011 10:00 a.m. scheduled

Senator McConnell called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. The Redistricting Subcommittee members present were: Senator McConnell, Senator Ford, Senator Larry Martin, Senator Hutto, Senator Cleary, Senator Malloy, and Senator Shoopman. Senator Elliott also was in attendance. The Senate Redistricting staff persons present were: Charles Terreni, Debbie Hammond, Katherine Wells, Bonnie Anzelmo, Dwight Jones, Laurie Traywick, and Paula Benson.

Senator McConnell thanked the subcommittee members for their diligence and the time they had spent in attending meetings. He spoke about the process and recognized Charles Terreni to brief the subcommittee about how the proposals from the ACLU and Republican Party fit in with the proposed staff plan.

Mr. Terreni said the staff plan reflected the public input and Senators' input and had been developed to meet the criteria adopted by the subcommittee. He showed slides indicating: (1) growth in regions of the state, (2) relative county growth, and (3) the Senate Districts by malapportionment (districts that needed to add or give up population). He said the staff plan had higher overall deviation than some other plans, but fit within the criteria's tolerance, and that the deviation was higher because of taking into account traditional redistricting factors. Therefore, while the staff plan had higher deviation, it paid closer attention to the criteria. Conversely, the ACLU and GOP plans had lower deviation, but at the expense of traditional redistricting criteria.

Mr. Terreni described the districts in the staff plan by region and compared them with other plans.

Senator Martin commented favorably about Districts 1 and 2 in the staff plan.

Senator Shoopman commented favorable about Senate Districts 5 and 12 in the staff plan, concerning the effect of crossing county boundaries.

Mr. Terreni continued his description and comparison of districts.

Senator McConnell thanked Mr. Terreni for his work and asked if there were any amendments.

Mr. Terreni said Senator Elliott had an amendment.

Senator Elliott was recognized to present his amendment. He explained the amendment and asked that it be carried over for consideration tomorrow. He asked that George Gregory be allowed to speak on the amendment. George Gregory was recognized and spoke.

Senator Hutto moved to carry over the amendment and all subcommittee members voted to carry it over.

Senator McConnell asked if there were any other amendments.

Senator Hutto pointed out that amendments may still be proposed.

Senator McConnell confirmed.

Senator Hutto asked about the process for amendments.

Senator McConnell asked Mr. Terreni to respond.

Mr. Terreni asked that amendments be presented to him through Ms. Hammond. He asked that they be submitted within certain time periods.

Senator Martin moved for adoption of the staff plan. Senator Ford seconded, pointing out the staff plan met all requirements.

Senator McConnell moved to amend S. 815 with the staff plan and report it to the full committee for further action. All members voted in favor. Senator McConnell adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.