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1 member have an amendment the staff has prepared for them?
2 We're unaware of any that are prepared. Then the senator
3 from Darlington has a motion.

4 Senator from Darlington.

5 SENATOR MALLOY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 In light of the fact that we've covered all
7 of the amendments and after the work of the staff, I want
8 to commend the staff, first of all, for their openness
9 and engagement, and I would move at this time for a
10 favorable report of Senate Bill S.815.

11 MR. FORD: I would like to second that,
12 Mr. Chairman, as amended.

13 SENATOR McCONNELL: Senator from Marion.

14 SENATOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir. Thank you.

15 Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I
16 would just like to say for the record, you know, Senator
17 Elliott and I have been talking basically on our
18 districts, and I would like to say that the South
19 Carolina Senate Staff Redistricting Plan for District 30
20 is a fair plan of the citizens of the Pee Dee area and of
21 the state of South Carolina. This staff plan populates
22 District 30 too within the Senate Subcommittee's
23 guidelines of plus or minus 5-percent deviation at a 4.89
24 percent. The staff plan maintains District 30 as a
25 minority/majority district with a black voting age

1 population of 54.8 percent.

2 Marion County has long been the core of the
3 district. The staff plan maintains this and makes the
4 county whole within the district. The communities of
5 Aynor and Galivants Ferry have been added. These
6 communities in Horry County are predominately rural and
7 border Marion County. Staff has identified these areas
8 as a community of interest and has kept them whole under
9 their plan.

10 Staff plan also respects current voting
11 districts in the Florence County portion of the district
12 and respects communities of interest in Florence County.
13 Staff plan maintains Dillon County's Senate delegation.

14 The plan as drawn is contiguous, compact,
15 and within the accepted level of deviation. And I would
16 like to say I also want to commend the staff and the
17 subcommittee for doing an outstanding job and being fair
18 with this district, and I support this plan
19 wholeheartedly.

20 SENATOR McCONNELL: Thank you, sir.

21 All right. The senator from Darlington
22 moves the favorable report. Senator from Charleston,
23 Senator Ford, seconding.

24 If there will be no discussion, we'll go to
25 a vote.