

**Minutes of Senate Floor Proceedings  
Concerning Senate Redistricting  
June 14, 15, and 16, 2011**

**June 14, 2011**

S. 815 was returned to the Senate with the Senate Judiciary Committee amendment. Senator McConnell explained the procedure for consideration. S. 815 was placed on the Senate Calendar.

**June 15, 2011**

S. 815 was considered.

Senator McConnell was recognized. He gave an overview of the redistricting process, including a description of the public hearings, adoption of criteria, submission of plans, development of a staff plan, public hearing on the staff plan, and subcommittee and full Judiciary Committee meetings concerning the plan. Senator McConnell discussed the plan and compared it with the previous plan. The plan adopted by the full Committee represents a plan that meets the criteria adopted by the subcommittee and federal and state law. Senator McConnell advised the Senate membership of the procedure for consideration of amendments to the Senate redistricting plan. The same procedure would be followed when congressional redistricting is considered.

Senator Hutto asked that Senator McConnell's remarks be placed in the Journal. Senator Hutto thanked Senator McConnell and the staff.

Senator Elliott asked if amendments would be considered.

Senator McConnell said amendments would be considered, but that Senator McConnell might not be able to support all the amendments if they did not comply with the criteria and state and federal law.

Senator Shoopman asked that the Senators' exchange be recorded in the Senate Journal.

Senator Ryberg was recognized to speak on the first amendment. Senator Ryberg said it moved 207 people from Senator Setzler's to Senator Ryberg's district.

Senator McConnell asked if all Senators affected agreed and if the amendment met the criteria, law, and standards for communities of interest. Senator Ryberg said yes. The amendment was adopted.

The second amendment was proposed by Senators Land and Leventis.

Senator Leventis was recognized to explain the amendment.

Senator Malloy was recognized to speak on the amendment. He said the affected Senators had seen the plan and agreed and that it met communities of interest standards.

Senator McConnell asked if the amendment met the criteria concerning communities of interest and legal requirements for one man, one vote and deviation.

Senator Malloy said it did.

The amendment was adopted.

The third amendment was proposed by Senator Elliott, who moved that it be carried over.

The fourth amendment was proposed by Senator Elliott. Senator Malloy asked for an explanation. Senator Elliott asked to carry over the fourth amendment.

The fifth amendment was proposed by Senator Elliott. Senator Malloy asked to carry over the fifth amendment.

The sixth amendment was proposed by Senator Campsen, who asked to withdraw the amendment.

The Senate returned to the amendments proposed by Senator Elliott that had been carried over. Senator Elliott asked for a five minute recess.

Following the recess, Senator Elliott asked that his amendments be withdrawn and that amendments be considered on third reading.

Senator McConnell explained that Senator Elliott needed to get agreement with any Senator affected by the amendment for the amendment to be considered.

The Committee Amendment was adopted as amended and given second reading. By a vote of 33-0, the bill received second reading.

### **June 16, 2011**

S/ 815 came up for third reading.

The first amendment was proposed by Senator Hayes. Senator Hayes was recognized to explain the amendment and said the two senators involved were in agreement with the amendment.

Senator McConnell said he could not recommend the amendment because it would unnecessarily divide the City of York and it was received after the deadline. He urged the Senate to table the amendment. The motion to table passed. Senator Hayes asked to be recorded as voting “no” to the tabling motion.

The next amendment was proposed by Senator Elliott. Senator Elliott was recognized to explain the amendment. He said the affected Senators agreed with the amendment and that it better maintained communities of interest. Senator McConnell said it did not violate the criteria and improved the deviation. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Hutto was recognized to offer an amendment. He said his proposal kept the counties whole and did not pit incumbents against each other. Senator Hutto asked that his amendment be placed in the record and apologized this plan was not ready. An objection was heard to taking up the amendment on third reading. The Chair asked for votes and the vote was against taking up this amendment.

Senator Peeler asked if there were other plans on record.

Senator McConnell replied that the other plans were on the record and that other plans have equal status on the record.

Senator Elliott was recognized about putting plans in the record. Senator Elliott asked that a chart of District 28 be shown. It was displayed. Senator Elliott explained that his current district had a small coastal area and then extended into four counties. Senator Elliott said his district had been encroached upon by other districts, reducing his BVAP and changing communities of interest. He asked that a statement be placed in the Journal expressing his concern. He read his statement. He said he would submit his documents to the Clerk for inclusion in the Journal and for Senators' review.

Senator McConnell was recognized to speak on the bill. He said there were no other amendments on the desk. He thanked the Senate for its work. He pointed out that Senators Rose, Campsen, and Malloy's districts changed significantly. He was sorry that everyone was not happy. He said everything had been done to try to be inclusive. He thanked staff and members of subcommittee for their work.

Senator Campsen was recognized. He pointed out that, like District 28, his district was within deviation, but was now dramatically changed. He asked Senator McConnell if it was not so that several districts had changed in order to meet legal and constitutional standards. Senator McConnell agreed.

Senator Ford was recognized. He was pleased to have served on the subcommittee. He had attended meetings around the country where people had been concerned with redistricting. He hoped South Carolina would follow the lead of the S.C. Senate and its leadership. He commended Senator Campsen for accepting a district that saved two democratic districts. He commended Senator McConnell for being able to bring a coalition together. Senator Setzler asked that words of Senator Ford be printed in Journal.

Senator Anderson was recognized. He spoke about Senate District 7.

Senator Elliott asked a question of Senator Anderson.

Senator Ford asked Senator Anderson about changes in population that had changed deviation in his area.

Senator Reese asked that Senator Anderson and Senator Elliott's words be printed in the Journal.

Senator Malloy was recognized to speak on S. 815. He said he felt privileged to work on the redistricting subcommittee. He thought the selection of the subcommittee membership was very fair and diverse geographically. He mentioned attending hearings all over the state and congratulated the Senate on its fair and open process. He had numerous conversations with Senator Elliott, and had met with Professor Askew concerning Senator Anderson's district, which had never been a majority-minority district. He thought all Senators had complete and open access to the map room and to work with staff. The plan maintained nine majority-minority districts. He urged all to support the plan and moved adoption on third reading. Senator Setzler asked that Senator Malloy's words be printed in Journal. Senator Rose asked that Senator McConnell's words be printed in the Journal.

A roll call vote was ordered. By a vote of 37 to 1, the bill was given third reading.