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1 (Beginning of audio recording of House  
2 Redistricting Committee Hearing, 5-28-21.)

3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Good morning,  
4 everyone. The redistricting committee will come to  
5 order.

6 Clerk, please call the role.

7 THE CLERK: Are we on a recessed roll,  
8 Chair?

9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Of course we are.  
10 So with that then, I will turn the chair over to Leader  
11 Hoffman.

12 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Thank you, Madam  
13 Chair. The first order of business will be House Bill  
14 1980, House Floor Amendment No. 1. Please, if you have  
15 a witness -- if you are a witness, and you would like  
16 to submit a witness slip, please do so at the ilga.gov  
17 site. So if you want to be a witness or you would like  
18 to have your thoughts known, please go to ilga.gov.

19 Representative Hernandez -- Leader  
20 Hernandez on House Floor Amendment No. 1, the House  
21 Bill 1980, please proceed.

22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
23 Mr. Chair. Good morning, members of the committee.  
24 The legislation before us creates state house and state  
25 senate districts for the next ten years. As you know

1 the legislature has a constitutional obligation to  
2 redraw legislative districts to substantially equal  
3 population every ten years. We all know the  
4 circumstances that have complicated this process.  
5 COVID 19 has affected every aspect of our lives and the  
6 federal census is no exception.

7 On February 12th, 2021, the United States  
8 Census Bureau announced it would not release the 2020  
9 Census Public Law 94-171 population data to the states,  
10 including Illinois, until approximately September 30th,  
11 2021.

12 This bill meets our constitutional  
13 obligation to produce compact, contiguous districts of  
14 substantially equal population amid unprecedented  
15 circumstances. It was produced with an unprecedented  
16 level of public access.

17 We have held a total of 15 hearings  
18 covering every corner of Illinois. Virtual hearings  
19 offered everyone the opportunity to participate from  
20 the comfort of their own homes. For hearings that were  
21 held in person, a hybrid option was offered where  
22 available or a subsequent virtual hearing was held to  
23 cover the same region.

24 Our staff reached out to more than 2,000  
25 community groups, local leaders, and stakeholders in

1 advance of these hearings, and those who attended,  
2 submitted written testimony or used our public drawing  
3 portal, provided valuable insight. Every form of  
4 public submission was analyzed by staff. As in any  
5 legislative process, we are required to balance diverse  
6 interest. Not everyone can get all that they want, but  
7 all input is productive.

8           On May 21st, Democrats released full maps  
9 of proposed House and Senate districts. We solicited  
10 further input on these plans through a series of  
11 additional hearings. As a result of this feedback, we  
12 have made a number of additional adjustments to this  
13 final version. One, this plan accommodates some of the  
14 requests from the Orthodox Jewish community while  
15 maintaining the integrity of surrounding districts and  
16 other requests. Two, this plan preserved parts of  
17 North Lawndale that maintains the current configuration  
18 in the Ninth District. Three, following the release of  
19 the proposed legislative map, Republicans in the  
20 legislator made public comments criticizing the number  
21 of incumbent Republicans who would be located in the  
22 same district. A number of those districts have been  
23 reconfigured to accommodate the concerns of  
24 Republicans. These changes in the latest proposal join  
25 a number of points at which public testimony is

1 directly reflected in this map.

2                   At the request of local officials,  
3 Evanston is now one of the legislative districts with  
4 two House seats. Two historically black Evanston wards  
5 have been combined into the House district. The 5th  
6 and 11th wards of Rockford were kept in one House  
7 district, despite significant population loss. And  
8 Carbondale is now in one representative district.

9                   Looking at this map as a whole, I'd also  
10 like to share some of the data considerations that  
11 guided the process. Over the past decade, the Cook  
12 County lost population from the suburbs, mainly in the  
13 south and the west. The population in the City of  
14 Chicago remains steady, but with some significant  
15 shifts, population increased in the City Center and to  
16 the north while population in the south and west sides  
17 declined. As a result, Chicago and suburban Cook keep  
18 the same number of districts, but district lines have  
19 been altered to adjust for changes in population. Many  
20 of our suburban area saw population gains, and the  
21 reconfigurations of this plan reflect this with the  
22 course of districts remaining largely intact. Many of  
23 these districts will look substantially similar to  
24 their current configurations with some adjustments for  
25 population.

1                   Downstate counties have seen significant  
2 population losses and that must be reflected here as  
3 well. Some districts have required significant  
4 reconfiguration to produce compact districts in areas  
5 with large population changes. All of this and more is  
6 outlined in a resolution we have filed offering a  
7 detailed description and data regarding each district.  
8 This, too, was a frequent request of witnesses at our  
9 hearings which we are fulfilling.

10                   I have no doubt there will be differences  
11 of opinion on this map. Different groups have offered  
12 different priorities, and those had to be balanced. I  
13 believe this map before us accomplishes the shared goal  
14 of Democrats to produce a map that reflects our state.  
15 I welcome your questions and ask for an aye vote.

16                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Leader Butler,  
17 if I might, I'll do the witness slips and then we'll go  
18 to you for comments.

19                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Couldn't hear you.

20                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: I'll do witness  
21 slips first and then we'll --

22                   Witness slips, record of appearance only,  
23 Steven Monroy, Mexican American Legal Defense and  
24 Education Fund.

25                   All of these are opponents.

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1                   John Young, Common Cause of Illinois,  
2 record of appearance only. Ryan Tolley, CHANGE  
3 Illinois Action Fund, record of appearance only.  
4 MiKala Barrett, record of appearance only. Ami Gandhi,  
5 Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, record of  
6 appearance only. Madeleine Doubek, CHANGE Illinois  
7 Action Fund, record of appearance only. Alisa Kaplan,  
8 Reform for Illinois, record of appearance only. Joan  
9 Cruz, representing herself, record of appearance only.  
10 Martha Armenta, Entice Chicago, record of appearance  
11 only -- Enlace Chicago, I apologize. Allison Hawk,  
12 Legal Voters of Illinois, record of appearance only.  
13 Beverly Thomas, representing herself. Roberta Valdez,  
14 Jr. -- Roberto Valdez, Jr., Latino Policy Forum, record  
15 of appearance only. Dilara Sayeed, Illinois Muslim  
16 Civic Coalition. Sara Khan, Assad Khan, Hamas Abraham,  
17 and Alman Begg, all record of appearances only. I  
18 apologize, Assad Khan would like to give oral  
19 testimony. We'll go to that after we go to Leader  
20 Butler.

21                   And proponent is Gilda Hernandez  
22 representing Yomuzmal (sic), record of appearance only.

23                   Leader Butler.

24                   REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Thank you, Leader  
25 Hoffman. I just -- a bit of housekeeping questions

1 first and then I would like to respond a little bit to  
2 Leader Hernandez.

3 So what is the plan for today? The bills  
4 that are listed, we plan to run all three of these out  
5 of the redistricting committee today; is that correct?

6 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Is that a  
7 question of Chair --

8 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I guess, you're  
9 in the chair, so --

10 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Yeah, its intent  
11 that we will run all three bills, yes.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: So that's the  
13 legislative redistricting, the Supreme Court  
14 redistricting, and the Cook County Board of Review?

15 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Yes.

16 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: And then it is a  
17 subject matter on the resolution that goes along with  
18 the legislative redistricting?

19 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: That's my  
20 understanding.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Okay. And then  
22 what is the -- do we have any idea what floor action  
23 would be if these get kicked out of committee today?

24 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: That's to be  
25 determined.



1                   REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I've heard that  
2 before.

3                   Let me just, if you don't mind, Leader  
4 Hoffman, the people of Illinois woke up this morning to  
5 the same way that things have been doing business  
6 around here for far too long. Again under the cover of  
7 darkness, without any advanced notice, legislative maps  
8 get dropped, changed, the accompanying document that  
9 supports supposedly what you're doing on the maps got  
10 released at some time, I don't know, 3:00 in the  
11 morning, 4:00 in the morning, here we are 10:08 a.m.  
12 getting ready to debate it.

13                   I'm surprised that there is -- I give a  
14 lot of credit to the -- as I'm looking here, the 17  
15 opponents who've actually paid attention today to be  
16 able to slip in, in opposition of this, along with the  
17 one proponent of the bill that we have before us for  
18 the legislative redistricting.

19                   You know, there is another virtual  
20 hearing going on this morning, and it has to do with  
21 someone who oversaw this process for a long time.  
22 Timothy Mapes is being arraigned virtually after the  
23 federal government indicted him this week, and as I  
24 said earlier this week, the nexus between this process  
25 and redistricting, and the way that the majority

1 continues to do this from the Mapes' model, with many  
2 of the same people involved, many of the members  
3 involved in the last redistricting are still here,  
4 underscores the failures that we have as the  
5 legislature in Illinois to respect the will of the  
6 people.

7                   The first hearing that we had on  
8 redistricting was at the Bilandic Building in Chicago  
9 on April Fools' Day this year, and it is certainly the  
10 citizens of Illinois who have been fooled through this  
11 entire process, talking about -- with the Majority  
12 talking about transparency and involvement and things  
13 like that. That all goes out the window when maps get  
14 drawn behind closed doors without involvement -- true  
15 involvement from the public, and things get rolled out  
16 overnight with an hour's notice for people to come and  
17 give testimony here, to be involved with this process,  
18 to have their input on the legislative Supreme Court  
19 and other boundaries that are going to affect their  
20 lives for a long, long, long time to come.

21                   Madam Chair, Representative Hernandez, I  
22 have a great deal of respect for you, but the fact --  
23 what I don't have a great deal of respect for is the  
24 process how this has played out, because it's a sham.  
25 And I appreciate that you're here today to talk about

1 the data, as you said, for the first time, after we've  
2 asked literally hundreds of times about what data has  
3 been used.

4                   So I know some of my colleagues are going  
5 to have questions, and I'm going to have questions, and  
6 I know we have an oral witness to hear from, but I'm  
7 sorry, the 177 of us that are elected to do these jobs,  
8 are better than this. The people of Illinois want us  
9 to be better than this. That's why many of you have  
10 voted for a constitutional amendment to change this  
11 process. Leader Hernandez, you voted for it; Leader  
12 Hoffman, you voted for it, to change this process, to  
13 take it out of the hands of the politicians who now  
14 continue to pick the people they represent. We need to  
15 change this.

16                   We have -- still today have the  
17 opportunity to change this, if we would stop this sham  
18 process and move forward in a different manner, but  
19 obviously that's not the will of the Majority. It's  
20 the same old way that you've been doing business for  
21 far too long, and the current speaker is continuing the  
22 same ways of the previous speaker, and we all know it.  
23 So thank you, Leader Hoffman, I look forward to the  
24 questions. I don't look forward to the outcome of  
25 what's going to happen here today.

1 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Leader Demmer.

2 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Thank you,  
3 Mr. Chairman. And good morning, Representative. I'd  
4 like to ask you about a topic that will come as no  
5 surprise, the data. We asked you repeatedly about the  
6 data at the most recent meeting, and I know that my  
7 fellow colleagues on the committee have asked about  
8 data I think in every single redistricting committee  
9 for the entire session. So I'll ask again today, what  
10 data did you use in drawing these legislative maps?

11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Leader  
12 Demmer, for the question. What I can offer to you,  
13 other than what I have mentioned with the ACS data,  
14 along with the feedback from the community interest  
15 group organizations, I have found that we have also  
16 used the population voting -- election voting data. I  
17 think also what was sent out, other than the resolution  
18 -- or, I'm sorry, the map, you all -- it's on the  
19 website of the various data for the public to see, so  
20 it's now public information.

21 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Why didn't you  
22 tell us that before?

23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Because I didn't  
24 know until I -- until now, pretty much. I, too, was  
25 not aware of what other information until just

1 recently.

2 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Who made the  
3 decision on what data to use if it wasn't you as a  
4 legislator?

5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, I know that  
6 there is a team. There is a team that was -- along  
7 with a collaboration of experts, and others, that put  
8 this together and basically decided on the information.

9 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: But at some point  
10 someone had to make a decision about which data to  
11 include or exclude. Who made that decision?

12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, it's the  
13 assortment of this collaboration of staff and experts  
14 and others obviously.

15 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: And you as the  
16 sponsor of the legislation were not made aware of the  
17 decisions of which data to use or not use until today?

18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No, last night I --  
19 I pretty much got the whole picture of it. I -- you  
20 know, as it was coming, I got some information, but I  
21 got pretty much the whole data that was utilized.

22 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: As I mentioned, I  
23 think in every single redistricting committee meeting,  
24 the question was asked, what data are you using? Did  
25 you ever ask this group of experts what data they were

1 using at any point during this entire process?

2 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, I did, and they  
3 said that that would be coming.

4 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Okay. It's -- I  
5 think the committee is surprised by that, and I think  
6 the people of Illinois would be surprised to hear that  
7 the sponsor of a bill had no decision-making input or  
8 knowledge of data being used until last night for what  
9 was a months-long process.

10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, I didn't  
11 -- did you ask a question?

12 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Yeah, I -- do you  
13 think that the people of Illinois would be surprised to  
14 learn that the sponsor of legislation did not have  
15 decision-making input or even knowledge of the  
16 legislation that you're offering today until last  
17 night?

18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I would say that,  
19 you know, I was aware of the ACS which, you know, many  
20 criticize that that was information -- a source of  
21 information. I knew that there was other information  
22 being used. I just wasn't clear on it until just  
23 recently. But I really emphasized on the community  
24 feedback because to this day I just don't think that  
25 there is a real seriousness on how valuable that

1 information came to be in deciding the map.

2 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: The overwhelming  
3 community input was that ACS data was not appropriate  
4 to be used. Why did you not listen to that  
5 overwhelming community input saying ACS data is not  
6 appropriate to be used?

7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So you're asking why  
8 -- I'm sorry.

9 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Why did you not  
10 -- if community input was so important, and the  
11 overwhelming community input on ACS data is that it was  
12 inappropriate to be used for purposes of redistricting,  
13 why did you not listen to that overwhelming community  
14 input?

15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I did listen. I  
16 listened, but there was also others that did support  
17 that information, so I -- yes, I did listen.

18 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: But did more  
19 witnesses say use ACS data or don't use ACS data?

20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And I would also add  
21 into -- with due respect to all of those didn't support  
22 the data, you know, we got the information to support  
23 ACS from experts like Dr. Lichtman who is a highly  
24 renowned expert in this area.

25 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: And you paid him

1 to offer that support.

2 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Sure.

3 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, he was a  
5 consultant. I said that, you know, incorrectly, but he  
6 was a consultant contracted to consult with us.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Right; so he's  
8 not community input; he's a paid consultant. You could  
9 find a consultant and pay him to tell you anything, the  
10 community input --

11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No, we didn't pay  
12 him to --

13 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: -- was don't use  
14 ACS data. The community groups said don't use ACS  
15 data, our constituents, the people that we serve, said  
16 don't use ACS data. A paid consultant said what you  
17 wanted them to say; that's different than community  
18 data.

19 Let me ask a -- we'll move beyond ACS.  
20 Let me ask about election data which now you're saying  
21 -- for the first time you're acknowledging is being  
22 used in the creation of these maps, what election data  
23 is being used?

24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry.

25 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Yeah, what



1 election data is being used?

2 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: What election data  
3 is being used? It's public data. It's the data that  
4 is -- that you could find in the election board.

5 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: What data though?  
6 Is it voter registration data, is it voter turnout  
7 data, is it primary vote participation, what data?

8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: The data that's all  
9 spelled out. It's all spelled out in the resolution,  
10 Leader Demmer.

11 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Could you refer  
12 me to where it's spelled out?

13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: It's -- Leader  
14 Demmer, it's election results.

15 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Election results?

16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Correct.

17 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: So you used  
18 election result data to draw legislative maps. How did  
19 that help you understand the population of a district?

20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I believe that there  
21 was a -- an assortment over the -- of -- it was  
22 reviewed over time, you know, results over some time,  
23 but I can tell you that it's all spelled out in the  
24 resolution.

25 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: And again I would

1 ask you to refer me to where in the resolution it's  
2 spelled out what election data is being used. I don't  
3 see that.

4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: It's one of the many  
5 factors that is considered other, you know, than the  
6 ACS that we can use.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Look, in the  
8 resolution the word "election" appears one time, and it  
9 simply says, "The House used 2015 to 2019 American  
10 Community Survey data, election data, and public  
11 input." That's not clearly spelling out what election  
12 data you used. What election data was used? And was  
13 the election data used to establish the population of  
14 districts? How did the election data interact with  
15 American Community Survey data?

16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So I would answer to  
17 that that the ACS was used to determine the population,  
18 the election data was used to basically take the  
19 partisan results from there.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: So American  
21 Community Survey data alone was used to identify the  
22 population of districts?

23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, that was one of  
24 the sources, yes.

25 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: How did public in

1 -- was public input used to establish any  
2 characteristics of population in the district?

3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Absolutely. Yes.

4 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Population?

5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: If you --

6 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Was public input  
7 used in the calculation of population?

8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: If you can -- if you  
9 can recall, there was some organizations that offer  
10 presentations that did have some numbers. All of that  
11 was analyzed.

12 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: But did public  
13 input influence the population of districts?

14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: The public feedback  
15 and information absolutely influenced how the map was  
16 made up, yes.

17 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: And I'm asking  
18 specifically about population. Were any adjustments  
19 made based on public input to population figures?

20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I would just say  
21 that the information that was offered, all of that  
22 information was taken into consideration and taken  
23 seriously.

24 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: I understand it's  
25 generally considered. I'm asking specifically about

1 population data. Was any public input used in the  
2 establishment of population numbers for this state as a  
3 whole or specific districts?

4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: My understanding is  
5 that the -- that was not used to adjust the population,  
6 no.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Okay. All right.  
8 Thank you for the responses to these questions. I  
9 think I'll just close with a point again that these  
10 questions around data were questions asked at every  
11 single meeting. They are questions that were raised by  
12 community advocates when they testified, and they said,  
13 how am I supposed to analyze these districts if I don't  
14 know the data that was used. It sounds as if there was  
15 an intentional effort to withhold data sources from  
16 both members of this committee and from the general  
17 public, in a word, to deprive us of the opportunity to  
18 analyze the maps that had been offered. That's  
19 incredibly frustrating and frankly it's -- makes a  
20 mockery of this process. And for you to suggest that  
21 as a sponsor of the bill you yourself were unaware of  
22 and did not exercise decision-making authority over  
23 which data sources to use and how to use those data  
24 sources, I think should raise serious questions in the  
25 mind of legislators and the people of the State of

1 Illinois who expect that their elected officials are  
2 the ones making these decisions, who have -- who expect  
3 that their elected officials are the ones exercising  
4 judgment in these cases. Given what you've testified  
5 to, given the process that we've seen unfold over the  
6 last few months, in exercising my judgment as an  
7 elected official, there is no way that we should  
8 support a plan like this. Thank you.

9 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Thank you,  
10 Leader. We have witnesses who are on the Zoom. First  
11 would be Valerie Leonard, who is nonprofit Utopia, and  
12 second would be Reverend Hood, both seeking to give  
13 oral testimony.

14 MS. LEONARD: All right. Good morning.  
15 And thank you to everyone for allowing us to speak. My  
16 name is Valerie Leonard. I am the founder of nonprofit  
17 Utopia. I am also the convener for Illinois African  
18 Americans for Equitable Redistricting, and we are a  
19 part of the UCCRO coalition, and we put forth the unity  
20 map.

21 We were very, very disappointed to get  
22 notice of this hearing about an hour or less prior to,  
23 so you got to excuse me if I'm kind of talking off the  
24 top of my head, but I'm sharing my heartfelt thoughts.

25 I want to say thank you so much for

1 hearing our cry, so to speak, in bringing the North  
2 Lawndale community back together. You know, I know  
3 that that was not necessarily an easy choice, but I  
4 appreciate it.

5 I also appreciate the fact that you have  
6 taken into consideration, and I don't mean to speak for  
7 the Jewish community, I don't see anybody here, but I  
8 can say that I'm really impressed by the fact that you  
9 made an effort to bring as many people in the Jewish  
10 community together in a single senate district as  
11 possible given your scenario.

12 What I have found from discussions with  
13 one of the representatives who is not in this room, she  
14 would have loved to have had the Jewish community all  
15 represented in a single representative district. I  
16 believe they're spread among at least two, perhaps  
17 three districts, which was a little disappointing.

18 I am also concerned about what happened  
19 with members of our coalition, people in the Muslim  
20 community asked specifically that their districts, you  
21 know, their communities of interest be reflected in the  
22 map. To the best of my knowledge we're not able to see  
23 those specific communities reflected in the map, and  
24 that was disappointing.

25 The last time we debriefed, to the best

1 of my knowledge, and I have not verified it against the  
2 new map, but one of the impacts of the first map was to  
3 actually separate the duly elected Chinese -- and she's  
4 not Chinese; she's of Chinese descent. Her district,  
5 she represents Chinatown, and she was separated from  
6 her district. And I realize that you're not supposed  
7 to have the candidates pick their people, but I think  
8 it's a little frustrating, you know, if I were in her  
9 shoes, you know, to work so hard, you know, for several  
10 years, you know, that wasn't something that just  
11 happened overnight, you know, several decades to get to  
12 a critical mass where you can have a Chinese  
13 representing Chinatown, a Chinese person, and then to  
14 have after that hard-fought election, this person  
15 separated from her community of interest. Now I'm not  
16 speaking for her, but me looking on the outside -- from  
17 the outside, I'm very disappointed.

18 We put forth a proposal, the unity map, a  
19 group of people from around the state representing  
20 black communities, representing Latino communities,  
21 representing Asian communities, Muslim communities, and  
22 now we have new members from the Jewish community, and  
23 we have figured out a way that -- you know, everybody  
24 doesn't get everything they want, but we believe that  
25 our mapping proposal optimizes opportunities for

1 everyone in minority groups, whether they're racial  
2 groups, religious groups, ethnic groups that might not  
3 necessarily be counted under the Federal Voting Rights  
4 Act, but we still want to make sure that those voices  
5 are heard. We believe that our proposal is the fairest  
6 that you can get under the circumstances --

7                   And just bear with me, because it looks  
8 like I'm about to -- I'm about to go dead, my battery  
9 is running low.

10                   But I'm concerned, because I believe that  
11 this solution actually dilutes the black vote. We have  
12 shared a way that we can actually -- you know, in spite  
13 the fact that North Lawndale has lost black population,  
14 we have shared the data. We've shared the map, and  
15 we've reviewed our alternative within the constraints  
16 of the Voting Rights Act, and we've shown how District  
17 9, the representative district, and Representative  
18 District 10, can be restored to their historic majority  
19 black status. I just heard that an exception was made  
20 around Evanston to accommodate a diminishing black  
21 population, if I'm not mistaken. You know, I could  
22 have heard wrong, but if that was done for one  
23 community, we believe that that can still happen here.  
24 And I'm just really, really concerned.

25                   When we look at the total population for



1 black people in Illinois, ten years ago it was 14  
2 percent, today it's 14 percent, but somehow we lost a  
3 full senate district. We lost a full house district.  
4 You know, those districts have become more diverse and  
5 we have shared an alternative proposal that was not  
6 included.

7                   Latinos on the other hand, they were I  
8 believe 16 percent ten years ago, and close to 18  
9 percent, not quite, but 17 point something percent, and  
10 they increased their numbers. They got three  
11 additional house districts and two additional senate  
12 districts.

13                   I'm not quite sure how we managed to lose  
14 ground as black people when we stayed neutral relative  
15 to the percentage of total Illinois population. And we  
16 do definitely have the data --

17                   I might get cut off because my battery is  
18 running low.

19                   But I just want to share my screen to  
20 show the data that we used in order to come up with  
21 this. And I don't quite see it. This is what the  
22 legislature used -- okay. Can people see the screen  
23 with the green on it?

24                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, we can.

25                   MS. LEONARD: Okay. These are the

1 datasets that we used to develop the UCCRO map, and the  
2 areas that are in dark green, those represent the  
3 majority districts. The areas that are in lighter  
4 green, you know, they could be influence districts.  
5 All right. So under our proposal, we were able to draw  
6 one, two, three, four, five, six -- it looks like,  
7 yeah, six majority -- one, two, three, four -- I don't  
8 want to misrepresent. Six majority Latino districts.  
9 Plus one, two, three, four, five -- five --

10 (Whereupon Ms. Leonard was dropped from  
11 the hearing.)

12 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: I think we may  
13 have lost Ms. Leonard.

14 Representative Mah, were you going to ask  
15 a question of her, or would you like to make a  
16 statement? We have one more witness.

17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: If -- can I just  
18 make --

19 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Yes.

20 REPRESENTATIVE MAH: I'll just let the  
21 chair speak.

22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, can I just  
23 clarify a couple of things that Ms. Valerie --

24 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Yes, please  
25 proceed.

1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I do want to clarify  
2     that I beg to differ her claim of Chinatown. We did  
3     keep the whole Chinatown together in one district for  
4     the first time, so I'm not sure what that would -- you  
5     know, her statement of it not being together, but --  
6     and the second is, there are 15 districts -- African  
7     American districts that we were able to keep together  
8     above 50 percent, and there was another 12 between 20  
9     and 40 -- 49 percent, so I just wanted to make sure I  
10    put that in the record. Thank you.

11                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Thank you.  
12    Representative Mah?

13                   REPRESENTATIVE MAH: Thank you. I also  
14    wanted to thank the witness for speaking, but I wanted  
15    to correct the record as well, that simply my district  
16    number has changed. I have not been separated from my  
17    district, and the Chinese community has been able to  
18    remain together in a single district.

19                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: The next witness  
20    is Reverend Hood who is seeking oral testimony. Please  
21    proceed.

22                   REVEREND HOOD: Okay. My name is  
23    Reverend Robin Hood, and I'm with United Congress of  
24    Community Religious Organizations. It was good to hear  
25    that Chinatown was intact; however, make no mistake,

1 this map reduces the number of black majority house  
2 districts and black majority senate districts in  
3 Illinois. Any time there is a reduction in black  
4 majority district, there is reason to be concerned from  
5 a voting rights and civil rights perspective. We  
6 recognize that some changes was going to happen in  
7 every district because of populationship, including  
8 changes in the black population on the south and west  
9 side, but that's precisely why we have been asking for  
10 opportunities for community input in reaction to the  
11 proposed maps that the Democrats did present.

12 Let's face it, us community organizations  
13 and community groups, we are the experts of the changes  
14 in our community. Where to go from here? Why is there  
15 a certain fear grappling with these demographic changes  
16 hand in hand with us as community members, voters, and  
17 constituents? We should have been working together on  
18 this closer, because what it's doing is it's pitting  
19 our communities of color against each other, to give us  
20 zero advanced notice of the proposed maps and  
21 accompanied data saying not everyone gets what they  
22 want, is really an unacceptable statement, when we in  
23 the community have been trying to work across diverse  
24 racial groups for all of us to win.

25 If there are decisions to be made about

1 the interplay between black majority district and  
2 Latino majority district, black community and Latino  
3 community must be a part of those conversations.  
4 Shutting us out creates unnecessary division that we  
5 don't have to. Illinois could do better and we should  
6 have done better with this map process. Thank you.

7 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: All right.  
8 Thank you, Reverend. I believe that Ms. Leonard has  
9 recently rejoined us. If you could bring your remarks  
10 to a conclusion we would appreciate it.

11 MS. LEONARD: Okay. And I apologize for  
12 the break. I just wanted to share with you the data  
13 that we're using, and -- you know, and the way it's  
14 broken out. We have district, the whole population,  
15 the type of district, the deviation in size, and then  
16 we have the racial breakouts. And here -- I went over  
17 the Latino column if I was -- if I remember correctly.  
18 And for us, we were able to demonstrate where we could  
19 create one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,  
20 nine -- nine -- these are senate districts, nine senate  
21 districts, and then one black influence senate  
22 district.

23 And then for the Asian community, we were  
24 able to demonstrate one, two, three, four, five, six,  
25 seven, eight, nine, ten, 11, 12 Asian influence

1 districts.

2                   So, I mean, these are the data. We've  
3 shown what's possible, and we really, really would have  
4 liked to have seen more of this reflected. Again we  
5 realize that you can't accommodate everything, but we  
6 have shown a map that optimizes opportunity for all of  
7 the major minority groups, and we would have loved to  
8 have had this type of scenario. It seems a little bit  
9 one-sided, and that to me does not seem fair.

10                   All right. So I said my piece, and I  
11 think you so much for the opportunity to speak.

12                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Thank you,  
13 Ms. Leonard. Representative Tarver.

14                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Chair. I just wanted to make sure we had a clear  
16 record again. It seems like there has been a lot of  
17 talk about more of the same, and it was my  
18 understanding that the consultant or expert that  
19 testified said very early on that the 2011 map was a  
20 model nationally to insure, especially minority  
21 communities, had the ability to choose and elect their  
22 candidates, and so if we're here ten years later or so,  
23 and using primarily the same information, data, however  
24 we want to characterize it, I don't think that's a bad  
25 thing. I think that's good, more of the same --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

2 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: -- if it empowers  
3 and allows, especially again minorities and communities  
4 of interest to choose their candidates and elect  
5 themselves. I just wanted to make that point.

6 The other thing is, I was jotting down  
7 notes when we were at a dinner, I was talking to Leader  
8 Hernandez, and saying that the people of Illinois -- he  
9 and the people of Illinois would expect elected  
10 officials to have more decision-making as always  
11 through this process, which seems counterintuitive  
12 because on one hand the conversation has been  
13 politicians shouldn't draw maps and make these  
14 decisions; on the other hand we're saying that the  
15 people of Illinois somehow expect that we would do so.  
16 So I just want to make sure we have a clear record, you  
17 know, I appreciate (inaudible) comments, but I think  
18 they're a little disingenuous and counterproductive.  
19 So thank you very much.

20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, can I -- I'd  
21 just like to --

22 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Please respond.

23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I do want to make it  
24 clear, too, I think this -- it should be also put on  
25 record that we have 13 African American districts that

1 lost -- they had population change, and the  
2 demographics changed, it was 13, and we were able to,  
3 under this plan, raise it to 15 districts at 50 plus,  
4 so I just wanted to emphasize on that as well because I  
5 think that's important to know.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: May I respond? Or  
8 am I out of line?

9 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Ms. Leonard, we  
10 have other members who are seeking recognition.

11 MS. LEONARD: Okay.

12 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Representative  
13 Spain. Representative Spain.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Chairman. Leader Hernandez, I want to go through  
16 some of the numbers that you were just mentioning.  
17 Unfortunately with the one-hour notice for this  
18 committee and the resolution being presented at 3:00 in  
19 the middle of the night, I haven't had a chance to go  
20 through it in the same amount of detail as I'm sure you  
21 have. You mentioned there are, in the proposed map for  
22 house districts, 15 majority African American  
23 districts; is that correct?

24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That's correct.

25 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: And then is it one



1 majority Asian district, Representative Mah's district?

2 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: It's not a majority  
3 district, but it is a significant --

4 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Influence district  
5 then. And how many majority Latino districts would we  
6 see in this proposed map?

7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So we have 14 Latino  
8 districts that are 50 percent or plus, and we have  
9 another 18 from 20 to -- it ranges from 20 to 49  
10 percent.

11 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Fourteen that are  
12 50 percent plus, and 18 that are from 20 to 49 percent?

13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That's correct; yes.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Thank you.

15 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Yes, we have an  
16 additional witness, Dr. Dilara Sayeed. Doctor.

17 DR. SAYEED: Good afternoon, my name is  
18 Dr. Dilara Sayeed. I'm representing the diverse  
19 communities that identify of every race and background  
20 and also identify as Muslim. Thank you to my  
21 colleagues, Valerie Leonard, and many others that  
22 have -- you know, together we have shared our wish for  
23 a representative Illinois. We have shared our wish for  
24 equity and justice, and we have done everything that we  
25 can do. We worked on the census together, so we've

1 been all working together for the last three years.  
2 Illinois truly invested in the census, and we stepped  
3 up as communities of color. We built coalitions across  
4 boundaries of race and diversity and class and faith,  
5 and we think we got a really great count.

6 We understand the challenges though of  
7 redistricting still have to continue, whether we're  
8 able to get the census information or not, so we  
9 continued to work together to share with each other  
10 where we wanted our communities to be represented. We  
11 worked together to make sure we shared testifying  
12 information. We were all at almost every single  
13 meeting, somebody from our team, every single hearing,  
14 somebody from our communities was there, and we spoke  
15 for all of us. We shared that we stand together, that  
16 we want a representative America, because our families  
17 integrate.

18 Our communities must find common ground,  
19 and so we knew we had to do this together, and we  
20 testified at hearing after hearing. And then we drew  
21 maps. We all drew maps for our own community, and then  
22 we came together and drew maps collectively, and we  
23 submitted those maps, and we continued to come to these  
24 hearings. And more than the testimony right now, you  
25 have all received our maps. I also resubmitted both

1 UCCRO maps, as well as Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition  
2 and Community maps, to again our leadership, and to the  
3 House Redistricting and Senate Redistricting Committee  
4 emails.

5 I think our question now is: What else  
6 can we do? What else can we do to ensure that our  
7 voices have not just been audio heard, but our voices  
8 have been respected and listened to, that our  
9 communities collectively saying that African American  
10 communities deserve everything that they have worked  
11 hard and laid the foundation for every community. That  
12 our Latino communities deserve and should have  
13 equitable representation. That our Asian communities,  
14 our Arab communities, our East Asian communities all  
15 deserve representation. And whether you are Jewish,  
16 Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or Christian, you deserve  
17 representation.

18 So I could show you the maps again. I  
19 could send them to you again. I don't think you need  
20 them. I think now it just comes down to doing what we  
21 all know is the right thing to do, so my testimony is  
22 actually a question. What else would you like from us  
23 to ensure that communities that have zero  
24 representation, but critical mass of population, can  
25 have consolidated communities of interest, mapping

1 within House and Senate, and communities that are  
2 underrepresented could make sure that they're equitably  
3 represented.

4 So my question goes to Representative  
5 Hernandez, Representative Butler, and every other  
6 representative that might be listening and on this and  
7 who will be voting soon, what else would you like from  
8 us? Thank you.

9 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Thank you.  
10 Representative -- Leader Butler.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Thank you, Leader  
12 Hoffman. And first let me recognize, my friends,  
13 former Edgar fellow and Chicago city clerk, Anna  
14 Valencia, who has come into the room, I'm not sure why,  
15 maybe she's walking out on the second floor today  
16 checking things out, I'm not sure, but welcome, Clerk  
17 Valencia.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Clerk Valencia is  
19 also a friend in -- from our community.

20 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: There you go,  
21 see, now we know.

22 You know, to your question, Dr. Sayeed, I  
23 -- you know, I think a lot of us share your  
24 frustrations with this process and the lack that -- the  
25 Muslim Coalition has done such a great job at these

1 hearings representing their views and letting it be  
2 known at every -- I think every single hearing you had  
3 folks present, and the fact that we have not listened  
4 to that, that the majority has not listened to that, is  
5 a failure of this process, so we -- I appreciate what  
6 you've done, I commit to the continuing to work with  
7 you as we move forward, but unfortunately this is only  
8 a process that happens once every ten years, and the  
9 decisions seem to be cast in stone as we're sitting  
10 here today.

11 I do have a question for Leader  
12 Hernandez, and I just want to go back to -- since we've  
13 spent so much time hearing his -- about himself the  
14 other day, Dr. Lichtman, you had mentioned  
15 Dr. Lichtman. Could you -- you -- Leader Hernandez,  
16 you talked about the staff and the consultants that  
17 were involved with the process, and you mentioned  
18 Dr. Lichtman specifically, so did Dr. Lichtman have a  
19 role in drawing these maps?

20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: No, he did not.  
22 So what was his role?

23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: He offered  
24 consultation and on our end all we did is take his  
25 recommendations.

1 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: And what were  
2 those recommendations?

3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think you and I  
4 heard his testimony. I would say his main role was,  
5 you know, the use of ACS data. He basically explained  
6 the significance and the accuracy of it.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: So he did have a  
8 role in drawing the maps or --

9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No, he did not.

10 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: No.

11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: But you used  
13 his --

14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: We listened to what  
15 he had to say.

16 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: To help draw the  
17 maps?

18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, we listened.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: To help draw the  
20 maps? His expertise to help draw the maps?

21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: We listened to him  
22 very carefully and heard and took recommendations.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Okay. Thank you.

24 MS. LEONARD: Representative Hernandez, I  
25 wanted to say to you, and to Representative Butler,

1 throughout this process I personally have appreciated  
2 how hard you have been working, both of you, to try to  
3 make this at the House as inclusive and to allow us to  
4 speak at every time, so I don't want you to think this  
5 is about frustration. We all know that justice and  
6 civil rights and civil -- civic justice in America  
7 comes, but it doesn't come easily. It doesn't come  
8 easily, and we have no rights to be frustrated when our  
9 African American brothers and sisters have been  
10 fighting for civic justice and human just- -- rights  
11 justice for 400 years.

12 We have no right to feel frustrated when  
13 that community has shown us how to do this with  
14 persistence and dignity for over 400 years. We don't  
15 have a right when we have watched the Latino community  
16 fight for their rights, and their human rights, and  
17 their civic justice, for hundreds of years. We forget  
18 that, hundreds of years the Latino community has also  
19 been in this process. And so we are bringing all of  
20 that again to the forefront and saying, and there are  
21 other communities that still need this, and please, we  
22 don't have to make every community wait hundreds of  
23 years. We don't have to make civic justice such a  
24 thing that is unattainable in this country, until there  
25 is, you know, deep pain and struggle. Everybody goes

1 through their pains and their struggles in many  
2 different ways.

3 I've shared with you my personal story of  
4 five generations of Americans in our family. Today you  
5 see me in a beret because I was out doing family  
6 errands, and other days you've seen me in a scarf, and  
7 some days you'll see me when I just run outside and,  
8 you know, you won't recognize me because I'll forget to  
9 put on both, or either, but we're not frustrated. We  
10 are resolute, we are persistent, and we really hope  
11 that another ten years doesn't occur in our state, a  
12 great state, where communities that are critical masses  
13 of communities, has zero representation. So again,  
14 Representative Hernandez, what else can we do to help  
15 you understand that.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Thank you,  
17 Doctor. Leader Spain.

18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I do want to say --

19 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Oh, I apologize.

20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I just want to  
21 thank --

22 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: I apologize.  
23 Leader Hernandez, you want to respond?

24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, I just want to  
25 offer just the -- I just have to recognize the



1 incredible passion that has been extended, and truly  
2 the information that was eye opening, and I would just  
3 say that we -- that this information just continue, it  
4 -- I think it's very important to remain, and continue  
5 educating, and educating the public. I appreciate all  
6 of your testimony, all of your information, and I just  
7 have to regard and emphasize that your incredible  
8 passion has really touched a lot of us. Thank you.

9 DR. SAYEED: I want you to understand the  
10 people behind --

11 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Doctor, Doctor,  
12 Doctor, Doctor, so here is how we do it, if you're a  
13 witness, you have to be recognized.

14 DR. SAYEED: Oh. May I be recognized?

15 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: How do I not  
16 recognize you? Go ahead.

17 DR. SAYEED: Because Senator Her- --  
18 Representative Hernandez spoke, you know, and I don't  
19 know if she was speaking about me, but I want to share  
20 with you the dozens of calls I got yesterday, and the  
21 texts I got from, you know, doctors from our community  
22 who have contracted COVID, because they were on the  
23 front line across the state over the last year and a  
24 half serving our residents. I want you to know the  
25 texts I've gotten from residents who are essential

1 workers who are at the poverty line trying to make it  
2 work, trying to get back to jobs, and they identify as  
3 black, brown, tan, white, Muslim. I want you to know  
4 that I got calls from leaders who said, go, if there is  
5 another hearing, go. And I was like I can't. I can't  
6 do this, and they said, yes, go. And today we had  
7 witness slips filled out, even though we found out 20  
8 minutes ago, dozens of people filled out witness slips.  
9 And I want you to know the texts that I got from  
10 Valerie and Ryan and Rod and many others that said  
11 we're in this together. So thank you for recognizing  
12 our work, or my work, or our work, but it's the work of  
13 the collective communities that are crying out for  
14 representation at a time after we have gone through so  
15 much under a administration in the federal government  
16 that marginalized all of us.

17 We have Illinois Republican leaders who  
18 have reached out to us, we have Illinois Democratic  
19 leaders who are friends of ours, but until you send a  
20 message that inclusion counts, it's just talk. And  
21 until you allow a community like ours to have zero  
22 representation, or a community to be underrepresented  
23 in the year 2021, we can't move forward. We can't have  
24 ten more years of this. I'm done now.

25 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Thank you.

1 Leader Spain.

2                               REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Thank you,  
3 Mr. Chairman. And I'm going to echo many of the things  
4 that have been said, Dr. Sayeed, about you, and the  
5 Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition, and the incredible job  
6 that you have done throughout 40 plus hearings of  
7 relentless testimony, and I just -- I don't have enough  
8 to say about this spirit of optimistic persistence that  
9 exudes from you. And as someone who personally feels  
10 unbelievable disappointment in the conduct of this  
11 process, I can't help but look at you and feel a bit of  
12 renewal about where we go from here.

13                               And the only thing that I would say is in  
14 -- it has been my honor to sponsor for several years an  
15 amendment to the Illinois Constitution so that we would  
16 not do this, we would take it upon ourselves to finally  
17 fix the most fundamental flaw in our State of Illinois  
18 that leads to so many bad outcomes of not working  
19 together and solving problems, that we would create a  
20 different way to execute our redistricting, and that  
21 way is with an independent commission. And people have  
22 often said to me, who are the kind of people that would  
23 serve on such a commission, and I just want to say that  
24 I would be so proud to nominate you, Dr. Sayeed, I  
25 think you typify exactly what we would want to see in

1 someone serving on an independent commission that could  
2 make a difference and put a voice to the fact that  
3 inclusion matters, and that there is a better way that  
4 will yield better outcomes for the State of Illinois.  
5 So I just want to express my heartfelt appreciation to  
6 you and let's continue to work together. Thank you.

7 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Seeing no other  
8 witnesses, and no one seeking further recognition,  
9 Leader Hernandez to close.

10 Oh, I apologize. Leader Bourne.

11 REPUBLICAN BOURNE: Thank you. I wanted  
12 to make sure we didn't have any more witnesses.

13 I have a few clarifying questions.  
14 They're on different topics, so I'll be kind of jumping  
15 around if you don't mind.

16 The first question I have is maybe for  
17 the Chairman. In the last four committee hearings that  
18 we've had, we noticed that there was a court reporter.  
19 Have we yet gotten the transcriptions from those  
20 committees hearings?

21 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: I don't believe  
22 so.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Thank you.  
24 Was any of the testimony heard in those committees  
25 taken into account in this final map? And if so, I

1 think having a transcript of that could be helpful.

2 That may be to you, Leader Hernandez.

3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, your  
4 question was: Did we take any of that testimony --

5 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Yes, we've heard  
6 from several witnesses over the last four joint and  
7 just House or Senate hearings that we've not yet gotten  
8 the transcriptions back from, but I just wanted to know  
9 if any of that specific testimony had been taken into  
10 account?

11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I believe that I did  
12 in my opening remarks, there were three specifics that  
13 we really took from these recent hearings, one being  
14 the request from the Orthodox Jewish community, the  
15 other the North Lawndale configuration. We tried to  
16 satisfy that request, and those two in particular were  
17 from the hearings.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Thank you.  
19 Because I was trying to recall some of the public  
20 testimony in the last few hearings about them pleading  
21 for time to review the final map before the vote, and  
22 also to have enough notice to be able to testify, so I  
23 was trying to go back to those quotes but wasn't able  
24 to find the specifics, but was there a reason that you  
25 chose not to take that into account? We heard from

1 several people that said it will not take -- we're not  
2 talking about a matter of hours -- we asked them  
3 specifically how much time would you need to review  
4 this final map once we get the data that we've been  
5 denied? And they said it will not be hours, it will  
6 not be days, it will be weeks. And rather than giving  
7 them weeks, or even days, we barely gave them hours, so  
8 I just wanted to know why we didn't take that testimony  
9 into account?

10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, Leader Bourne,  
11 I think we have to take in consideration that the map  
12 has been out, first of all, for over a week. I think  
13 that we also have to think about there is an ability  
14 right now remotely and how we have sort of established  
15 how people or the public can submit any further infor-  
16 -- whether it's information or maps, there was that  
17 opportunity, so --

18 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: There was a  
19 76-minute posting. It can be as accessible as possible  
20 to click on a computer link, but when you've got  
21 76-minute's notice that there is a hearing, I don't  
22 think anyone would describe that as what was asked for  
23 in the last hearings about the amount of time to review  
24 such a weighty proposal.

25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I would say that all

1 of the witnesses that you heard today, and even in  
2 these past couple of hearings, have been -- you know,  
3 their voices have been heard. They've been in past  
4 hearings, so --

5 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Heard and  
6 incorporated are very different, and I would -- I mean,  
7 it's very clear that the testimony that we heard about  
8 the amount of notice that these witnesses have asked  
9 for in hearings before your first, what you called  
10 draft, was dropped, after the first draft was dropped,  
11 have absolutely not been incorporated, not even --  
12 there is not even an attempt to incorporate that.

13 I have a couple more questions. Just at  
14 the beginning of the hearing when you were talking with  
15 Leader Demmer about data, I heard an inconsistent  
16 answer and just wanted to clarify. You said at one  
17 point that ACS -- I think your final answer about ACS,  
18 you said it was one of the sources for population,  
19 after you said that voting data was not the source -- a  
20 source used for population. I just wanted to clarify,  
21 was it the -- was ACS the one source for population or  
22 was it one source for the population?

23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: It's a -- one source  
24 of data.

25 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I understand that

1 it is one source of data, was it the only source of  
2 data for population?

3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: In terms of  
4 population, yes.

5 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Thank you.  
6 I also wanted to talk about a comment that you made in  
7 your opening statement, I think it was at the very  
8 close, and you said that this, what you've introduced,  
9 reflects the quote, shared goal of Democrats to produce  
10 a map that reflects our state. I wanted to ask, who is  
11 incorporated in that goal of a shared goal of  
12 Democrats? Just who did you have in mind when you  
13 drafted that statement, is it Democrats in the  
14 legislature, is it Democrats in state government, is it  
15 Democrats across the state, is it Democrats across the  
16 country, who are we incorporating?

17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Members of the  
18 democratic house.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Members -- I'm  
20 sorry?

21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Members of the  
22 Democrat.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I understand that  
24 but members of the Democratic party who serve in the  
25 Illinois General Assembly, members of Democrats in the



1 nation, members of Democrats in the room?

2 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Members of the  
3 Democrats in Illinois.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: In Illinois.  
5 Thank you. Does that include the governor?

6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't (inaudible)  
7 governor, Avery.

8 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: You don't -- have  
9 you spoken with the governor about this mapping  
10 proposal?

11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I have not.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Have you spoken  
13 with the governor about any map proposal?

14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I have not.

15 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: You also  
16 mentioned -- have you spoken with anyone on his team?

17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: That's kind of  
19 shocking to me that you are making a statement like you  
20 think this is a shared goal of Democrats to produce a  
21 map that reflects our state, the leader of your party I  
22 would say in the state has made very clear promises  
23 about what he thinks a map should and should not look  
24 like that have become less clear over time to be fair.  
25 I would think that you would have spoken to him or

1 somebody on his team.

2 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah. No.

3 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Particularly on  
4 such a legislative issue of this magnitude.

5 You also talked about a team that's been  
6 working on this, when Leader Demmer was asking who made  
7 this decision about the data, and you said it was a  
8 team, or a staff, or experts. Do you have any more  
9 information for us on who sits on that team?

10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I know it's just a  
11 collaboration of staff. It's legal, it's consultants,  
12 experts --

13 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Could you give  
14 us --

15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: -- so it's -- yeah,  
16 I don't have the names, if that's what you're asking  
17 for.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Could you  
19 give us a breakdown, are these people employed by the  
20 General Assembly, mostly consultants, volunteers?

21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I just want to make  
22 a point that none of these drew the -- these -- this  
23 team, the experts, and I would emphasize experts, did  
24 not take any part in drawing the map. It was simply  
25 listening and taking some recommendations.

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1                    REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Are  
2 members on your team who drew the map, are they all  
3 employees of the General Assembly?

4                    CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't know.

5                    REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Is anybody  
6 employed by the governor's administration on your team?

7                    CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Not that I know of,  
8 no.

9                    REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Thank you.  
10 Have any of them been in the map room? Have you  
11 brought in the governor's team to see these drafts?

12                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No.

13                   REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Nobody from the  
14 governor's administration has been in that room?

15                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Not that I'm aware  
16 of.

17                   REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Also shocking to  
18 me. I think that's all of the questions I have.

19                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I just want to also  
20 emphasize once again that this is not a perfect map.  
21 Okay. It's not a perfect map. It's a -- it's -- we've  
22 had to work in balance. We're going to have some  
23 people who are going to be very happy with it and some  
24 that are not going to be quite happy, but overall it is  
25 a map that has been viewed as a model in this country,

1 so I just wanted to once again emphasize on that.

2 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Representative  
3 Spain.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Thank you,  
5 Mr. Chairman. Leader Hernandez, a couple follow-up  
6 questions. I'm not sure that we can say that this map  
7 is a model at this point. I guess we'll see. We heard  
8 a paid consultant say that he thought the last map  
9 based on the census --

10 REPRESENTATIVE BURKE: Representative  
11 Spain, I apologize, Representative Burke in the chair.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: -- based on the  
13 census, was a model map, that was the one that Tim  
14 Mapes created, or provided testimony to the federal  
15 court that he was the creator of. You have, Leader  
16 Hernandez, been very persistent, and I appreciate it,  
17 along with many colleagues in sharing so many of these  
18 hearings. We're certainly, on our side, in the 30s  
19 now, and between work with the Senate, in the 40s, did  
20 you hear the requests from numerous advocates to allow  
21 for two weeks of public review when a map -- after a  
22 map would be presented?

23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, I heard, and I  
24 heard others that needed more time, and I heard others  
25 that just didn't simply know. They would have to get

1 back.

2 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: And from the first  
3 version, public version of the map that was presented,  
4 how much time have we now allowed for public review?

5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So I was just asking  
6 again when -- last Friday is when the map was released;  
7 right, and so the map has been out there for a week or  
8 so now, that -- look, I -- I'm going to go back to this  
9 because I think we're missing it here when we're --  
10 we're saying -- when -- the fact that the way the  
11 public is able or has the opportunity to communicate,  
12 they're either remote, or the kinds of opportunities we  
13 have offered for them to submit information, although  
14 the Friday -- Friday was the day the map was released,  
15 I do believe that the public has been given the  
16 opportunity to try to get feedback as quickly as  
17 possible.

18 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: No, I know you've  
19 mentioned that, and I've mentioned my reaction to that  
20 statement, and I won't belabor it, but the public input  
21 they received was very important. And I personally  
22 can't come away with any other feeling than the public  
23 input was disregarded in this process, and if I, in my  
24 opinion, distilled it down to the two most important  
25 things that were referenced from public testimony that

1 we received repeatedly was don't use the ACS, and give  
2 us two weeks' time. So we have given the public, let's  
3 say, one week's time from the introduction of the first  
4 map. I would take exception to that because as someone  
5 that received that map last week on Friday night, I  
6 could not divine any information from the PDFs that  
7 were created and used as the publication of a map, but  
8 certainly that was one week ago. The current map that  
9 you'll be taking to the floor was released last night,  
10 and the resolution to accompany it was released this  
11 morning, and we certainly can't say that we've given  
12 the advocates adequate time.

13 We've received testimony this morning  
14 from people that said they had only 20 minutes' notice  
15 when they became aware of this hearing to spring into  
16 action and participate. You yourself testified that  
17 after dozens of attempts to request to you what data  
18 would be used, that you only learned of the data last  
19 night as well.

20 So I think it's difficult for any of our  
21 advocates that have asked for at least two weeks' time,  
22 and who earlier this week we asked, upon receiving data  
23 how much time would you need to make meaningful  
24 suggestions and input from that data, as Leader Bourne  
25 stated, it wasn't hours -- it certainly wasn't minutes,

1 hours, or even days, the request was for weeks. Now,  
2 we are here at the end of May, but what is the deadline  
3 -- I certainly understand the majority's interest in  
4 passing this map. What is your deadline for doing so,  
5 through the legislature?

6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, there is a  
7 constitutional deadline; right, we have to meet, by  
8 June 30th. We are introducing a map. We're trying to  
9 get the feedback right now, and we're going to take it  
10 to the floor and see if this is a map that will be  
11 voted on.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Leader Hernandez,  
13 you mentioned June 30th is the deadline in the Illinois  
14 Constitution for the legislature to pass a map. Now I  
15 won't be supporting your map. I don't believe that  
16 politicians should be selecting their own voters;  
17 however, June 30th is the deadline for politicians to  
18 choose their own voters in the State of Illinois.  
19 Dozens of advocacy groups have asked for more time to  
20 review the data, to review the map, and offered  
21 meaningful input. You yourself have testified that  
22 they have -- that the legislature has until June 30th  
23 to do so. Will you commit now to allowing two weeks  
24 from this date for the public to review the map that  
25 you are presenting and then proceed with a vote here in

1 the Illinois General Assembly?

2 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So, Representative,  
3 I would say I don't think any of the advocates want to  
4 go to a coin flip.

5 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: I'm not asking to  
6 go to a coin flip. I'm asking will you allow for two  
7 weeks of public review -- two weeks from now puts us  
8 somewhere in early to mid June, not past June 30th, so  
9 will you allow the two weeks of public review that  
10 advocacy groups have asked for?

11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think the floor  
12 will show us if that -- that's considered.

13 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: The floor will  
14 show us if you have --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Representative --

16 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: -- the votes right  
17 now.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me,  
19 Representative Spain, Representative Hoffman back in  
20 the chair.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: I think what I'm  
22 asking, Leader Hernandez, is if you can allow the  
23 public the time that they've asked for. You certainly  
24 have time, more than 30 days until we reach the June  
25 30th deadline that you've mentioned. Will you allow



1 the public the two weeks that they've asked for to  
2 provide input on this map?

3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I would say that the  
4 public has had two months to comment.

5 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: The public has had  
6 many months to comment. The public has had years to  
7 comment on how they wished we wouldn't arrive at this  
8 moment, but within this process what they've asked for  
9 is two weeks to review the map that you plan to take  
10 for a vote. Will you give the public the two weeks  
11 that they've asked for?

12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Representative,  
13 you've said it yourself, it was 50 hearings. I mean  
14 this is more than ever, there is a -- there has been a  
15 lot of input, and I think it's time to take the map to  
16 the floor, and it will -- it -- we will find out if we  
17 need to go back based on --

18 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Leader Hernandez,  
19 I'm disappointed you won't give the advocacy groups  
20 that have spent countless hours testifying the  
21 opportunity that they've asked for. Certainly if you  
22 would have introduced a map back in April, proceeding  
23 with the vote here before the May 31st deadline where  
24 the voting threshold is significantly different to pass  
25 legislation, could have been something to be

1 considered, but you've used the same process that Tim  
2 Mapes arranged, and Speaker Madigan arranged, and now  
3 Speaker Welch maintains, from ten years ago, to ram  
4 this through in the last week of session. It's  
5 disappointing. Thank you.

6 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Leader Butler.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Thank you, Leader  
8 Hoffman. And just to follow-up on how Representative  
9 Spain ended, Leader Hernandez, you've mentioned several  
10 times about the staff and consultants that put this map  
11 together, not the legislators, I guess. I know  
12 Dr. Lichtman testified the fact that he was a  
13 consultant for the last 20 years on the maps. Are  
14 there other staff and/or consultants that are being  
15 used in this current map that were used in either the  
16 2011 or the 2001 redistricting process?

17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't have that  
18 information with me.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: You were here in  
20 2011. Do you -- you should know who the staff or  
21 consultants are being used today. You don't know if  
22 they were there ten years ago?

23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: It is a team of --  
24 whether they were here -- well, I couldn't tell you  
25 that if they were here the last time the map was made,

1 no.

2 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Could you give me  
3 a best guess if anyone in the room was there ten years  
4 ago other than Dr. Lichtman?

5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Nope.

6 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: No? Okay. I've  
7 been struck because you've said this a couple of times  
8 today that not everyone is going to --

9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Let me make it  
10 clear, though, that Dr. Lichtman was not in the room.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Okay. He was in  
12 his room virtually.

13 I've been struck because you've said this  
14 a couple of times today, that not everyone is going to  
15 like this. I believe that's how you phrased it. And  
16 the other day I brought up this story from the Tribune  
17 where Tim Mapes, again who is being arraigned as we  
18 speak, for his role in corruption surrounding state  
19 government, talked about a redistricting -- talked  
20 about redistricting at a forum in Chicago, and what he  
21 said, which really strikes me given what you said  
22 today, what Tim Mapes said in 2016 is, quote,  
23 legislators like to be involved in the state on how  
24 they frame their districts, whether they like all of it  
25 is another thing. And I'm struck at the similarity

1 between these statements, and that's to my point about  
2 the fact that I would certainly guess that there are  
3 many people in the room drawing these maps that were  
4 there ten years ago with Mr. Mapes leading the charge,  
5 not only as Mike Madigan's chief of staff, not only as  
6 the clerk of the House, but also as the executive  
7 director of the Democratic party of Illinois.

8                   And so I'm just struck that the words  
9 that you've used are eerily similar to what Mr. Mapes  
10 used, and it just -- again, it gets to this nexus of  
11 the problems that we have here in state government and  
12 how the mapping is really at the core of the power  
13 structure that the Democrats try to maintain over this,  
14 and it just -- it just -- it's just incredible the  
15 symmetry I guess that we have before us.

16                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Representative, I  
17 took that view from -- you saw it yesterday, you heard  
18 some of the feedback. There were some witnesses that  
19 were really good with their map. They were pleased,  
20 and there were some that were not. That's where it  
21 comes from.

22                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Leader Hernandez  
23 to close.

24                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I just want to thank  
25 everyone here. It's been tough. The map that we have

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1 produced I believe is a map that really reflects  
2 diversity. You may not agree with -- some of you might  
3 not agree with me, but it has been said that this is a  
4 model map that reflects our minority diversity within  
5 our state. I think that that's -- that was the key  
6 role or the key goal to do that, and with that being  
7 said, I ask for your aye vote. Thank you.

8 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Thank you.  
9 Representative Tarver moves that the House Floor  
10 Amendment No. 1 do recommend for adoption to House Bill  
11 1980. The clerk shall call the roll.

12 THE CLERK: Hernandez?

13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Tarver.

15 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Yes.

16 THE CLERK: Butler.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: No.

18 THE CLERK: Bourne.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: No.

20 THE CLERK: Burke.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BURKE: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Gordon-Booth.

23 REPRESENTATIVE GORDON-BOOTH: Yes.

24 THE CLERK: Hoffman.

25 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Mah.

2 REPRESENTATIVE MAH: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: Spain.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: No.

5 THE CLERK: Demmer.

6 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: No.

7 THE CLERK: That is six votes in favor  
8 and four opposed.

9 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: With the vote of  
10 six are in favor and four voting no, House Floor  
11 Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1980 shall be recommended  
12 to the floor for adoption.

13 Leader Hernandez on Senate Vote 2661  
14 House Floor Amendment No. 1. Please proceed.

15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
16 Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. So this  
17 bill is the -- it's the county -- Cook County Review  
18 Board Property Tax Map, the ACS data was used to put  
19 this map together, and I ask for your aye vote.

20 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Seeing no  
21 witness slips, Leader Butler.

22 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Madam Chair,  
23 first of all, has anybody had any input on this? I  
24 mean, this is -- and first of all, can you explain to  
25 me what the Cook County Board of Review does, and who

1 we are, and who we're redistricting here, and  
2 everything? This is what this one is; correct?

3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I believe that it is  
4 about the -- there is three districts within this map.  
5 It's basically not too different, and that's all I  
6 have.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: And what does the  
8 Board of Review do?

9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Do -- they are --  
10 they do the property tax appeals.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: That's a -- been  
12 a very big issue in Cook County over the last many  
13 years, I believe.

14 And what's the current makeup structure,  
15 I don't -- I'll be honest with you, I don't know much  
16 about the Cook County Board of Review, didn't realize  
17 this was something we were going to redistrict until I  
18 woke up this morning, so I'm just wondering, you know,  
19 what the structure is, the makeup, who are the people  
20 on the board?

21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So my understanding  
22 is it's made up of three members elected from their  
23 districts.

24 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: And so what's the  
25 idea here behind redistricting?

1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And they're all  
2 Democrats.

3 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Okay. And what's  
4 the idea behind the redistricting here?

5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: We are required by  
6 statute to do this every ten years.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Okay. And what  
8 data was used to redistrict the Cook County Board of  
9 Review?

10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: ACS.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Any other data  
12 involved with it? Election data?

13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: It's basically the  
14 same as the legislative map.

15 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: The same as the  
16 legislative map. And was there -- has there been any  
17 public hearings, any public input, anything to do with  
18 this at all? Were these discussed at any of our 50  
19 hearings? Was this -- was the Cook County Board of  
20 Review even brought up at any of our hearings?

21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't recall.  
22 It's the same with the Supreme Court map, nobody said  
23 anything.

24 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Yeah. Thank you,  
25 Madam Chair.



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1                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Seeing no one  
2 seeking further recognition, Representative Tarver  
3 moves that House Floor Amendment No. 1, the Senate Bill  
4 2661, be recommended for adoption. The clerk shall  
5 call the roll.

6                   THE CLERK: Hernandez.

7                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

8                   THE CLERK: Tarver.

9                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Yes.

10                  THE CLERK: Butler.

11                  REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: No.

12                  THE CLERK: Bourne.

13                  REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: No.

14                  THE CLERK: Burke.

15                  REPRESENTATIVE BURKE: Yes.

16                  THE CLERK: Gordon-Booth.

17                  (Short silence.)

18                  THE CLERK: I don't know if you responded  
19 or not, Representative, I could not hear you.

20                  REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: She responded  
21 "yes."

22                  THE CLERK: Thank you. Hoffman.

23                  REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Yes.

24                  THE CLERK: Mah?

25                  REPRESENTATIVE MAH: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Spain.

2 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: No.

3 THE CLERK: Demmer.

4 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: No.

5 THE CLERK: And that is six votes in  
6 favor and four opposed.

7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

8 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Okay. Six votes  
9 voting yes, four voting no, House Floor Amendment No. 1  
10 to Senate Bill 2661 shall be recommended to the House  
11 floor for adoption.

12 Representative Tarver asks for leave to  
13 present Senate Bill 642, House Floor Amendment No. 2,  
14 to present it from his chair. Is there leave? Leave  
15 is granted. Representative Tarver.

16 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Chair. Senate Bill 642, the amendment becomes the  
18 bill. This bill would, as required by the Illinois  
19 Constitution, ensure that the Supreme Court, four  
20 districts outside the County of Cook, will be  
21 substantially equal in population. I urge your aye  
22 vote.

23 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: One moment while  
24 we gather the witness slips.

25 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Sure.

1                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: There is one  
2   opponent, a Steven Monroe, who is with the Mexican  
3   American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, record of  
4   appearance only.

5                   Are there questions? Leader Butler.

6                   REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Thank you, Leader  
7   Hoffman, Representative Tarver.

8                   First of all, can you explain how the  
9   Constitution outlines the makeup of our Supreme Court?

10                  REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Sure. There is  
11   one Supreme Court district in Cook County, and there  
12   are four outside of Cook County, and those four, as I  
13   mentioned in my opening, are required to be  
14   substantially equal in population, and that's what this  
15   bill seeks to do.

16                  REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: So there is no  
17   redistricting for Cook County because it's spelled out  
18   in the Constitution; correct?

19                  REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I think you all  
20   learned that in '97 and '98.

21                  REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: So -- you know,  
22   we did a Constitution -- yeah, I wasn't in the General  
23   Assembly then, by the way, Representative. Neither  
24   were you.

25                  So why don't -- yeah, we did a

1 Constitutional amendment this week, why don't we do a  
2 Constitutional amendment to change the Constitution --  
3 why don't we put it on the ballot to change the Supreme  
4 Court districts so all of Illinois gets redistricted in  
5 the Supreme Court instead of just the counties outside  
6 of (inaudible) who gets three judges on there; correct?

7 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: When you refer to  
8 "we," you mean me and you?

9 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I'm saying us in  
10 the grand sense of the state legislature and the people  
11 of Illinois.

12 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Well, you  
13 certainly have the right to pursue that if you choose,  
14 Leader Butler.

15 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: So can you  
16 explain to me, Representative Tarver, how it will work  
17 for these districts that are now completely new for the  
18 many sitting, not only Supreme Court justices, but the  
19 Appellate court justices, and how that will work all of  
20 the way down to the circuit court level? Because I  
21 believe circuit courts are supposed to be wholly  
22 contained within the Appellate Supreme Court District,  
23 so how is that going to work with people who have been  
24 elected to terms currently, whether it's on the -- any  
25 of those levels, how will that unfold under this new

1 map?

2 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: My understanding  
3 is that it -- the short answer to your question is that  
4 it doesn't affect those lower court judges. I would  
5 point you to page 3 of the bill, lines 19 to 22, to  
6 further avoid any interruptions to the administration  
7 judicial branch, this act does not require that the  
8 Supreme Court change where the Appellate courts  
9 currently reside. And you'll find that language  
10 throughout if you read the next several pages of the  
11 bill as well.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I'm sorry, I  
13 haven't had a chance to read that since the bill was  
14 dropped some time this morning. So -- but can you --  
15 Curtis, can you just explain in layman's terms -- I  
16 understand you're an attorney, but can you explain in  
17 layman's terms how -- so my sitting Appellate Court  
18 justices, who might be in the middle of a term in the  
19 current Fourth Appellate Court, how are they going to  
20 be impacted? Are they going to have to run for new  
21 terms? Are they all up? How do we respect the fact  
22 that the voters have elected them to terms currently,  
23 or retain them in terms currently, how is that going to  
24 be impacted under these new districts? And are they  
25 all up for election? I just -- I don't understand.

1                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Sure. No, no  
2 worries, and I hope to be helpful. Page 4, lines 4  
3 through 14, to ensure the cont- -- continuity, excuse  
4 me, of service and compliance with the Illinois  
5 Constitution 1970, nothing in this act is intended to  
6 affect the tenure of any Appellate or Supreme Court  
7 judge elected or appointed prior to the effective date  
8 of this act. In accordance with the Constitution, no  
9 change in their boundaries shall affect an incumbent  
10 judge's qualification for office or the right to run  
11 for retention. Incumbent judges have the right to run  
12 for retention in the counties comprising the district  
13 that elected the judge or in the counties comprising  
14 the new district where the judge resides as the judge  
15 may elect. I hope that answers the question.

16                   REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: It doesn't  
17 really, but I'm not an attorney, so that's unfortunate.

18                   So what -- to the points that we've  
19 brought up many times, and asked the questions, so what  
20 data has been used to draw these new Supreme Court  
21 districts?

22                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I believe the ACS  
23 data that we've discussed throughout the prior hearings  
24 as related to the other efforts to redistrict as well.

25                   REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: And election data

1 as Leader Hernandez talked about for the legislative  
2 maps as well? Was election data used to help draw  
3 these maps?

4 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: My understanding  
5 is that it was a consideration, but again I didn't --  
6 you know, I didn't draw the maps.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: But you're the  
8 sponsor of the legislation. Did you have any hand  
9 whatsoever in drawing the maps?

10 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I'm the sponsor  
11 of a lot of legislation, but I don't sit and answer  
12 about what LRB does when they draft things. I'm not in  
13 the room when they draft it.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Okay.

15 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I read what they  
16 draft, and I present it to you and my colleagues.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: So were these  
18 done in coordination with the Senate Democratic Caucus  
19 as well?

20 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I have no idea.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Again you're the  
22 sponsor of the -- it seems amazing to me we have these  
23 sponsors of these huge pieces of legislation that  
24 impact the future of Illinois and the sponsors of the  
25 legislation have no idea. We have in-depth

1 negotiations going on right now over an energy bill  
2 that I know many members of both of these bodies are  
3 involved with, and I find it astounding that the  
4 sponsors of the redistricting legislation just washed  
5 their hands of the involvement of this. You're telling  
6 me that you weren't in the room, you didn't talk to  
7 anybody, they just handed you a bill and you said, all  
8 right, I'm going to run it?

9 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I normally  
10 wouldn't dignify that question with a response. I  
11 think you and everyone else knows me well enough to  
12 know, I don't just take the ball and run with it. But  
13 I will tell you what I find astounding, I find  
14 astounding that in the 4th and 5th District they have  
15 40 percent of the population of the 2nd District, I  
16 think that's astounding, considering the Constitution  
17 requires substantially equal population for those  
18 respective districts; would you agree?

19 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Well, to my  
20 point, why don't we include Cook County? Why don't we  
21 just make it equal across the State of Illinois?  
22 Because we have a history here in this body of  
23 exempting the city over a million, or the county,  
24 however we want to define it, on all sorts of things.  
25 We did it in the Constitution 50 years ago, and, boy,



1 this is a good opportunity for us to take a look at it.

2 Again -- so let me ask you again, Representative, do

3 you know if --

4 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Well, did you  
5 want me to respond to that?

6 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Sure. Go ahead.

7 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I think you made  
8 a great point.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Sure. That's  
10 fine.

11 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: So I anticipated  
12 you might ask something like that, and when I look at  
13 the first district, which is Cook County, if you divide  
14 up the three justices, that's about 1.7 million or so  
15 people per Supreme Court justice. If you look at the  
16 4th and the 5th District right now, it's about 1.3, but  
17 the 2nd District has almost 3.2 million, so -- and like  
18 you're not a lawyer, I'm not a statistician or a  
19 mathematician, but those numbers seem a little bit off  
20 to me.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Okay.

22 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Is that  
23 astounding?

24 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Do you -- again  
25 back to my question, do you know if the Senate

1 Democratic Caucus was involved with the crafting of  
2 these maps?

3 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: My understanding  
4 is they're supportive of the maps, but what the Senate  
5 Democrats have done as it relates to these maps, I  
6 couldn't testify to. I'm not a part of that team.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Okay. I'm sure  
8 we could go on all day like this. I think Leader  
9 Demmer might have some questions on this as well, or  
10 Leader Spain or -- very good. Thank you,  
11 Representative Tarver, I know we get heated sometimes  
12 but --

13 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: No worries.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: -- I've been -- I  
15 have appreciated going on the road with you over these  
16 last two months as well so --

17 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: And I obviously  
18 appreciate you, thank you, Leader Butler.

19 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Leader Demmer.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Thank you,  
21 Mr. Chair. And thank you, Representative Tarver, for  
22 explaining the bill that we're considering today.

23 You know in the last bills we've  
24 considered, there has been a lot of discussion of  
25 public input, has there been any public input in this

1 bill?

2 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: You know, I'm  
3 glad you asked that question as well. The prior  
4 speaker, I believe, asked the first hearing that we had  
5 as it relates to redistricting about Supreme Court  
6 maps, and at that time I believe Leader Hernandez  
7 invited anyone from the public to weigh-in as related  
8 to Supreme Court redistricting, so --

9 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: And did anyone  
10 weigh-in?

11 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: To the best of my  
12 knowledge, I don't -- from the hearings that I  
13 participated in, I don't personally individually  
14 remember any testimony about the Supreme Court  
15 redistricting.

16 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Was Supreme Court  
17 redistricting ever the topic of a redistricting  
18 committee meeting?

19 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: My understanding  
20 is that redistricting was the topic of the committee  
21 meetings in the State of Illinois.

22 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: And we have -- do  
23 we have any witnesses seeking to testify today?

24 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: If you'll give me  
25 a moment, I'll ask staff. I'm not aware if there are.

1                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: There are no  
2 witness slips for oral testimony.

3                   REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: So we have a  
4 redistricting proposal here that was introduced this  
5 morning in the legislature and has had zero public  
6 input; is that correct?

7                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I would respond  
8 to that by saying we have a map that has been out since  
9 longer than this morning. And, yes, you're correct  
10 that as of this morning no one has requested to  
11 testify.

12                   REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: Okay. Thank you.

13                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: You're welcome.

14                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Representative  
15 Spain.

16                   REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Chairman. Representative Tarver, does the Illinois  
18 Constitution require the legislature to redraw the  
19 boundaries of the Supreme Court?

20                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: You know, I  
21 appreciate that question. I'll answer it by going to  
22 the first page of the bill, looking at about lines 8  
23 through 11, and it says, in quotes, the Constitution  
24 shall be divided by law into four judicial districts of  
25 substantially equal population, each of which shall be

1 compact and composed of contiguous counties. So if  
2 you're asking me for some- -- there is an overt  
3 statement, I think this is about as close as you can  
4 get with a "shall be divided into four judicial  
5 districts" and it says by law. Do you know another way  
6 to go about this?

7 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: So how often does  
8 -- does the Constitution instruct us on how often a  
9 review of population should be given for Supreme Court  
10 districts?

11 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: The Constitution  
12 of 1970 I don't believe provides, to your point, the  
13 frequency. I think what it does is say "shall be  
14 divided by law into four judicial districts of  
15 substantially equal population," and the fact that this  
16 has not been done since seven years prior to the  
17 Constitution I think speaks to the issue and why we're  
18 here today.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: It may, but it  
20 would have spoken to that issue 30 or 40 years ago as  
21 well, and since the Constitution is not explicit in its  
22 direction for the redrawing of Supreme Court lines  
23 every, for example, ten years, as it does for the  
24 legislative districts within the Illinois General  
25 Assembly, how was anyone supposed to know -- because

1 you've mentioned that we have hosted numerous  
2 redistricting hearings, and you did a great job in  
3 chairing several of those. How was anyone supposed to  
4 know that the general topic of redistricting, which is  
5 required in the State Constitution every ten years,  
6 also now applies for the -- that you had an intention  
7 for the first time in 50 or 60 years to include the  
8 Supreme Court in the type of testimony that should have  
9 been given?

10 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Well, I don't  
11 know if it's the first time in 60 years or so because I  
12 believe your side of the aisle, prior to both myself  
13 and Representative Butler being here, and I believe you  
14 as well, attempted to do so about 27 or 28 years after  
15 the Illinois Constitution. I guess that would be the  
16 first thing.

17 The second thing is -- and I'm not trying  
18 to be sarcastic, but maybe it's the lawyer in me, what  
19 you're asking me to do is to step inside someone else's  
20 head and tell you what they would know and why they  
21 would know it. That would kind of call for  
22 speculation. This is going to be a transcript, so I'm  
23 going to decline that opportunity.

24 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Thank you. The --  
25 let me address the first thing. When Republicans take

1 advantage of political opportunities to gerrymander  
2 legislative districts, judicial districts, it's wrong.  
3 When Democrats gerrymander legislative, or now judicial  
4 districts, it is wrong. It was wrong in the '90s, and  
5 it's wrong today. And my suggestion, Representative,  
6 is that in the many hearings that we had, if you had an  
7 interest in receiving public input on the construction  
8 of courts in the State of Illinois, it would have been  
9 appropriate for the majority party to say so. Say,  
10 we're interested in considering a new Supreme Court  
11 map, we invite people to come forward and provide  
12 testimony. My colleague and Republican spokesman on  
13 this committee, Leader Butler, asked on numerous  
14 occasions if we would also be reviewing other aspects  
15 of redistricting, including congressional redistricting  
16 and Supreme Court redistricting, and he was never told  
17 that those items would be considered in these hearings.

18 So I really do think that transparency is  
19 important. I think that it is valuable to receive  
20 public input on the decisions that we're making here.  
21 We did not give the public any reasonable effort to get  
22 engaged with this topic, and now here we are at the end  
23 of May holding a hearing at the 11th hour.  
24 Representative Tarver, has there ever been under this  
25 Supreme Court map a situation where a sitting justice

1 has not been retained by voters?

2 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: When you refer to  
3 "this map," what map are you referring to?

4 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: This -- the  
5 current Supreme Court map that is current law.

6 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Are you asking me  
7 a political question? I'm sorry, will you ask it  
8 again?

9 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Has there ever  
10 been a time under the existing Supreme Court map in the  
11 State of Illinois where a sitting justice has not been  
12 retained by voters?

13 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I'm assuming  
14 you're asking me a rhetorical question, so if you know  
15 of one, you can identify that person for me, and we can  
16 continue the conversation. I'm assuming that you have  
17 a point with that, so has there been one?

18 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Sure,  
19 Representative, I'll make the point.

20 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Thank you.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: In the State of  
22 Illinois not only do we allow politicians to pick their  
23 voters but through this bill we're going to let judges  
24 do it, too. My point is made.

25 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Leader Bourne.



1                   REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Thank you.  
2 Representative, I have a few questions for you. I  
3 quickly read the bill during this testimony, and I  
4 noticed that it says that it was done with American  
5 Community Survey data. Was there voter date, election  
6 data, or any other kind of data used in drawing this  
7 map?

8                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I believe those  
9 were considerations.

10                  REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: All of that was  
11 consideration, election data, voter data. What else  
12 was -- what other kind of data was used other than  
13 American Community Survey data?

14                  REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: My understanding,  
15 and consistent with the testimony throughout the prior  
16 two bills as well, is that ACS and election data were  
17 considerations and utilized in drawing the maps.

18                  REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Was it election  
19 outcomes from political contests or from retention  
20 elections?

21                  REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I didn't draw the  
22 maps.

23                  REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I understand that  
24 you didn't draw them, but I would hope that presenting  
25 this bill you would know what data was used. I'm just

1 wondering are we looking at data of the elections that  
2 will be impacted by this map, like retention data, or  
3 are we looking at political data, like, who people  
4 voted for for president, for congress, just kind of to  
5 get a better picture of what kind of election data was  
6 used?

7 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: No. And I  
8 appreciate and understand your hope for me and what I  
9 would have done, but it doesn't change the fact that I  
10 didn't draw the maps.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Thank you.  
12 Do you know who all had a hand in drawing the maps?

13 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I do not.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Do you know if  
15 anybody in the judiciary had a hand in drawing the  
16 maps?

17 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Not to the best  
18 of my knowledge, no.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Thanks. I  
20 just know that we brought legislators into the  
21 legislative map room, I'm just asking was there like a  
22 judicial map room that people would have walked into?

23 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: To the best of my  
24 -- I don't know what -- I understand what you're  
25 saying. I don't know what you're talking about. I

1 walked into many rooms and not participated in  
2 activities.

3 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Let me  
4 phrase this differently then. I assume that what we  
5 are now seeing was not created in a vacuum and that  
6 there were potentially previous drafts and alterations  
7 made before it became what we are seeing today.  
8 Wherever that took place, however that took place, were  
9 there members of the judiciary involved?

10 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: To the best of my  
11 knowledge, you're telling me what you -- an assumption  
12 that you've made, and an assumption obviously doesn't  
13 have facts, so it's not a presumption, and I am unaware  
14 of any member of the judiciary, I don't even know at  
15 what level you're talking about, a subcircuit, an  
16 administrative law judge, a Supreme Court justice, but  
17 to all of those, I'm unaware of any member of the bar  
18 who is cloaked in a black robe being in any judiciary  
19 room drawing maps as it relates to the bill that I have  
20 in front of you today.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. I  
22 appreciate that. Do you think it would be  
23 inappropriate for them to be involved?

24 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: This is not about  
25 my thoughts about morality or ethics; this is about the

1 bill that's in front of us and what I think is that the  
2 Constitution says, substantially equal population with  
3 these four districts. I want to follow the  
4 Constitution and make sure that that happens.

5 I do think, and this is not a morale  
6 judgment, it's just a mathematical judgment, that an  
7 area having 60 percent -- I mean, excuse me, an area  
8 having 60 percent less population on two of those, out  
9 of four, or half of the districts having less than, you  
10 know, 60 percent of the population as another, is not  
11 mathematically substantially equal. I mean equal is  
12 closer to 50/50, if not 50/50 as possible.

13 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I appreciate  
14 that. And I'm not insinuating that it did or didn't  
15 happen. I just think that it's inappropriate for  
16 legislators to walk into a room and pick their voters,  
17 so I just wanted to know what you thought about members  
18 of the bench doing that.

19 You mentioned substantially equal. I am  
20 not an attorney, and I haven't looked into if there has  
21 been any case law on what substantially equal means  
22 when it comes to the Supreme Court, but what standard  
23 was used for substantially equal when these maps were  
24 drawn? You just said "like as close to 50/50 as  
25 possible," was there a certain percentage that was

1 aimed for or some kind of test that was used for it to  
2 be substantially equal?

3 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I -- you know,  
4 I'm -- I appreciate the question. I'm trying to figure  
5 out the best way to answer that. I'll say given that  
6 it's been nearly 60 years since the Supreme Court has  
7 been remapped. I don't even know where case law would  
8 come from.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Well you  
10 mentioned that something happened in 1997 or 1998, I  
11 wasn't around, so I didn't know if there was case law  
12 from that.

13 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Oh, I can -- I'm  
14 sorry, I can tell you about that. That was an attempt  
15 by the members of Republican party to violate the  
16 Constitution and split the first district, which the  
17 Constitution clearly states on its face you can't split  
18 the first district in the manner that they attempted to  
19 do so, and I think that's why it was struck down.  
20 Outside of that, I'm not aware of any litigation, but  
21 that was certainly good precedent for whoever drew  
22 these maps to understand that you can't violate the  
23 Constitution in doing so.

24 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Do you think that  
25 it's the same standard as our state legislative maps

1 for substantially equal, is that what was used to draw  
2 these?

3 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: So this is not  
4 the same standard, and I think part of the reason is  
5 because for the Supreme Court you have to retain entire  
6 counties, so that's a little bit different because  
7 obviously when we have maps for the legislature, we're  
8 not required to retain entire counties and such.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Got it. And that  
10 was very clear by how many counties were drawn up in  
11 the last legislative map.

12 A couple more questions.

13 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Sure.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I'll be brief.  
15 Can you tell me the priorities in drawing this map, was  
16 substantially equal the first priority, compact and  
17 contiguous, are we looking at political gain, what's  
18 the priority in this map?

19 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I'll start with  
20 the last one. I certainly don't believe anybody was  
21 drawing a map for political gain, but I will tell you  
22 that if the Constitution gives us substantially equal  
23 population, compact and composed of contiguous  
24 counties, I don't know that you would really have a  
25 priority because you want to make sure that you

1 (inaudible) our Constitution by achieving each one of  
2 those things, and I think that whoever drew this map  
3 did a excellent job in doing so.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Thank you.  
5 That is my last question I think. You certainly know  
6 more about this than I do on keeping these circuits  
7 together, which I appreciate. Can you tell me at all  
8 kind of the distance -- so I -- you just talked about  
9 compact and contiguous, and I know that substantially  
10 equal is what the Constitution says, but do you know  
11 from the farthest boundary in these new -- oh, sorry --  
12 these new Appellate districts, how many miles roughly  
13 the farthest one is from the courthouse?

14 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I can't tell you  
15 geographically as far as I think the exact distance. I  
16 mean this is really determined by population, and so I  
17 wish I had a better or more specific answer for you,  
18 but I can't tell you exactly how many miles or  
19 kilometers or anything along those lines.

20 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay. Thank you  
21 so much.

22 REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: You're welcome.

23 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Seeing no one  
24 seeking further recognition, Representative Tarver to  
25 close.

1                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: I'll close the  
2 way that I began. This is a bill that I believe is  
3 required by the Illinois Constitution to -- is  
4 necessary to effectuate what the Illinois Constitution  
5 requires, which is to divide the Supreme Court  
6 districts outside the County of Cook into four  
7 substantially equal in population. The House floor  
8 amendment becomes a bill, and I would urge an aye vote.

9                   REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Leader Hernandez  
10 moves that do recommend for adoption House Floor  
11 Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 642. The clerk shall  
12 call a roll.

13                   THE CLERK: Hernandez.

14                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

15                   THE CLERK: Tarver.

16                   REPRESENTATIVE TARVER: Yes.

17                   THE CLERK: Butler.

18                   REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: No.

19                   THE CLERK: Bourne.

20                   REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: No.

21                   THE CLERK: Burke.

22                   REPRESENTATIVE BURKE: Yes.

23                   THE CLERK: Gordon-Booth.

24                   (Short silence.)

25                   THE CLERK: I think I'm having the same



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1 issue as last time.

2 REPRESENTATIVE GORDON-BOOTH: Yes.

3 THE CLERK: Thank you. Hoffman?

4 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: Yes.

5 THE CLERK: Mah.

6 REPRESENTATIVE MAH: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: Spain.

8 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: No.

9 THE CLERK: Demmer.

10 REPRESENTATIVE DEMMER: No.

11 THE CLERK: Okay. That is six votes in  
12 favor and four opposed.

13 REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN: On a vote of six  
14 voting yes, four voting no, House Floor Amendment No. 2  
15 to Senate Bill 642 shall be recommended to the floor  
16 for adoption.

17 The House Redistricting Committee shall  
18 recess to the call of the chair.

19 (End of audio recording of House  
20 Redistricting Committee Hearing, 5-28-21.)

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