IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA EASTERN DIVISION

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 3:22-cv-00022-PDW-ARS

PLAINTIFFS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE MATTHEW CAMPBELL AND ALAN HERBISON FROM DEFENDANT'S WITNESS LIST

v.

Michael Howe, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of North Dakota,

Defendant.

Defendant seeks to compel Plaintiffs' counsel Matthew Campbell, Deputy Director of the Native American Rights Fund ("NARF"), to testify at trial. But Defendant has not met—nor tried to meet—the Eighth Circuit's standard for testimony by counsel. Moreover, the reasons Defendant has articulated for pursuing Mr. Campbell's testimony are misguided at best.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Campbell is counsel of record for Plaintiffs and serves as the Deputy Director of the Native American Rights Fund ("NARF"), based in Boulder, Colorado.¹ *See* Def. Resp. to Pls. Mot. in Limine at 2, ECF 99. During the 2021 North Dakota redistricting process, he provided testimony on behalf of two Tribes—the Spirit Lake Tribe and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. *See id.* at 4. In compliance with North Dakota law, Mr. Campbell registered as a lobbyist for both Tribes. *Id.* Prior to the release of user-friendly Census data, Mr. Campbell spoke on behalf of his clients at the Redistricting Committee's September 15 meeting and testified that "I, obviously, can't speak for

¹ Notably, Mr. Campbell does not live in North Dakota and therefore Defendant would typically be unable to compel him to appear and testify at trial. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c). And the time for deposition subpoenas has long passed. As such, the only basis for Defendant to compel his attendance is that he is counsel in this case.

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the entire state. I can't speak for all the tribal nations. What I've heard from the Spirit Lake Nation today and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe today is that they, specifically, are interested in having single-member districts, and believe it would be beneficial to their communities." *See* Ex. 1 at 57:4-11 (Sept. 15, 2021 Redistricting Comm. Tr.). Critically, Mr. Campbell also testified that "I would also recommend that the Committee reach out to the tribal nations and consult with them *after* you have a draft plan to get their feedback on any draft plans you may have." *Id.* at 46:17-21 (emphasis added). Mr. Campbell's appearance at the September 15 Redistricting Committee meeting was the only time he offered testimony to the Committee, either in person or in writing.

Mr. Campbell was not a lobbyist for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians ("Turtle Mountain"),² and Turtle Mountain Tribal Leaders did not attend the September 15 Redistricting Committee meeting. *See generally* Ex. 1 (Sept. 15, 2021 Redistricting Comm. Tr.). Neither Mr. Campbell nor any representative of Turtle Mountain requested that the Tribe be drawn into a subdistrict at the September 15 hearing, or at any other time during the process. *See, e.g.*, Ex. 1 at 57:4-11 (Sept. 15, 2021 Redistricting Comm. Tr.). It is well established that Tribal Nations are sovereign governments, and each government is entitled to make their own independent decisions. Plaintiffs will establish at trial that there would have been no reason for Turtle Mountain to request a subdistrict at that time as Turtle Mountain's Native American voters had for decades elected three candidates of choice to the legislature from District 9, and Turtle Mountain leaders had no reason to believe that the 2021 redistricting process would affect their equal opportunity to elect candidates to the North Dakota legislature until after a subdistrict was imposed upon them.

At the September 29, 2021 Redistricting Committee meeting, the committee voted to draw subdistricts for one Tribe that had actually requested one (MHA Nation) and one Tribe that had

² Nor was Mr. Campbell a lobbyist for the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation ("MHA Nation").

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not requested one (Turtle Mountain). Ex. 2. (2021 Enacted N.D. State House Plan). Plaintiffs will establish at trial that after the Census data became available, and after learning that the Committee intended to draw a subdistrict Turtle Mountain had *not requested* and but not the subdistrict Spirit Lake *had requested*, the Two Tribal Nations explored the possibility of a district that would retain the ability of Native American voters in the area to elect three legislators of their choice, as opposed to the one state house representative that would result from the Committee's proposed plan.

Plaintiffs will establish at trial that in just one month's time, the Tribes conferred and consulted their Tribal Councils, obtained analysis of racially polarized voting to present to the Redistricting Committee, had a proposed district drawn, and sent a letter to the Governor and legislative leaders with their proposal on November 1, 2021. *See* Ex. 3 at 19-24 (Joint Legislative Redistricting Committee, HB 1504, Meeting Minutes (Nov. 8, 2021). One week later, both the Spirit Lake and Turtle Mountain Chairmen testified at the November 8, 2021 Redistricting Committee Meeting in favor of the map they had proposed, along with then-Senator Richard Marcellais and then-Representative Marvin Nelson. Ex. 4 at 21, 23, 29, 33 (Nov. 8, 2021 Redistricting Comm. Tr.). The Committee voted against the proposed amendment. *See* Ex. 4 at 46:24-48:6 (Nov. 8, 2021 Redistricting Comm. Tr.).

Defendant claims he must obtain Mr. Campbell's testimony to establish broadly that "the Redistricting Committee did listen to Tribal representatives and lobbyists" during the redistricting process. Def. Response to Pls' Mot. in Limine at 11, ECF 99. Specifically, Defendant seeks to establish that "Mr. Campbell never supplemented his September 15, 2021 testimony to indicate the client he was lobbying on behalf of was no longer requesting a subdistrict (as he had requested in his testimony) and was instead requesting to be joined in a single district with another Reservation." *Id.* at 7. Notably, there is no dispute that that Mr. Campbell offered testimony to the

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Committee on September 15, 2021. *See* Ex. 1 at 46 (Sept. 15, 2021 Redistricting Comm. Tr.). Nor is there any dispute that Mr. Campbell testified that Spirit Lake and Standing Rock were interested in subdistricts for their communities. *Id.* at 47. Finally, there is no dispute that Mr. Campbell never addressed the Committee again after the September 15 hearing, whether in person or in writing, and indeed Plaintiffs would be willing to stipulate to this fact. There was no need for Mr. Campbell to supplement his testimony because the Spirit Lake Tribe, acting on its own behalf, subsequently and explicitly asked to be united in a single district with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. *See* Ex. 4 at 24-25 (Nov. 8, 2021 Redistricting Comm. Tr.).

ARGUMENT

The Court should grant Plaintiffs' motion in limine because Defendant has failed to show that the evidence he seeks to establish is crucial to his defense, or that he lacks other means to obtain that information. *See Shelton v. Am. Motors Corp.*, 805 F.2d 1323 (8th Cir. 1986) (setting forth factors a party must establish in order to compel testimony by opposing counsel). Instead, Defendant simply claims, without citation or support, that *Shelton* does not apply and he is entitled to compel Mr. Campbell's testimony simply because it is "important[] and relevan[t]." Def. Response to Pls' Mot. in Limine at 10, ECF 99. First, Defendant fails to offer any basis for his claim that this Court can ignore binding circuit precedent. Second, even in instances where *Shelton* does not apply, the Eighth Circuit has allowed testimony by opposing counsel only on issues that are "peculiarly within counsel's knowledge and centrally relevant to the issues" at stake. *Pamida Inc. v. E.S. Originals, Inc.*, 281 F. 3d 726, 731 (8th Cir. 2002) (allowing party to depose opposing counsel in indemnification suit about whether the fees incurred by those attorneys in the suit underlying the indemnification action were reasonable and about what action those attorneys took

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to provide notice to defendant of the underlying suit). Defendant does not even try to meet his burden under *Shelton*, and regardless cannot meet the more relaxed test under *Pamida*.

First, Defendant cannot show that facts that are (1) a matter of public record and (2) not disputed³—*i.e.* that Mr. Campbell testified that Spirit Lake was interested in a subdistrict on September 15 and did not offer any subsequent testimony to the Legislature—constitute evidence that is "peculiarly within" Mr. Campbell's knowledge, *Pamida, Inc.*, 281 F.3d at 731, much less evidence that cannot be obtained through other means, *Shelton*, 805 F.2d at 1327. And to the extent he seeks to obtain evidence regarding the testimony of Tribal Leaders like Douglas Yankton, *see* Def. Response to Pls. Mot. in Limine at 10, ECF 99 (discussing Mr. Campbell's "guidance" to unnamed Tribal Leaders), Defendant fails to explain why that evidence cannot be obtained from Mr. Yankton himself, whom Plaintiffs have indicated they plan to call at trial.⁴ That Defendant apparently believes Mr. Campbell's testimony should carry more weight because he is a more "sophisticated" witness than the former Chairman of the Spirit Lake Tribe, *see* Def. Response to Pls. Mot. in Limine at 2, 7, 8, 10, is not only disrespectful and unbecoming of the State's

³ The only dispute over these facts is whether the Legislature's rejection of a subdistrict for Spirit Lake and imposition of one on Turtle Mountain was "consistent with the requests made by Native American and Tribal representatives." Def. Resp. to Pls. Mot. in Limine at 6. Notably, while the two Tribes share common interests, they are independent sovereigns—Spirit Lake cannot speak for Turtle Mountain any more than North Dakota could speak for Minnesota. Defendant has not explained how eliciting testimony from Plaintiffs' counsel on this issue will make his read of the facts more plausible to the Court than that offered by Plaintiffs.

⁴ To the extent Defendant seeks to compel Mr. Campbell to testify about advice he provided to his clients during the redistricting process, he has failed to demonstrate that such advice is not privileged. Simply stating it does not make it so. *See id.* (asserting without citation or explanation that because Plaintiffs produced certain documents and communications establishing that Mr. Campbell offered to provide advice to certain plaintiffs during the redistricting process, they waived privilege as to the content of any such advice); *but see* Ex. 5 (Plaintiffs' Privilege Log) (withholding certain communications between Plaintiffs and Mr. Campbell as privileged, which Defendant never challenged). Indeed, it is axiomatic that simply acknowledging to the existence of privileged communications does not waive the privilege over the communication itself.

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government-to-government relationship with the Tribe, but insufficient as a basis for compelling Mr. Campbell's testimony.⁵

Moreover, Defendant has failed to show that the evidence he seeks to establish through Mr. Campbell's testimony is either "centrally relevant," Pamida, 281 F.3d at 731, or "crucial" to his defense, Shelton, 805 F.2d at 1327. At issue here is whether the 2021 Redistricting Plan had the effect of discriminating against Native Americans living on and around the Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake reservations by denying them an equal opportunity to elect their candidates of choice. See 52 U.S.C. § 10301. Even if the Legislature did not intend that result, the 2021 Redistricting Plan still violates Section 2. See id. And while the legislature's lack of responsiveness to Native Americans is one factor that the Court can consider in determining whether, under the totality of the circumstances, Native Americans are denied an equal opportunity to participate, see Bone Shirt v. Hazeltine, 461 F.3d 1011, 1021-22 (8th Cir. 2006), Defendant has failed to explain why Mr. Campbell's testimony is "centrally relevant" or "crucial" to his defense on this factor, as compared to testimony by witnesses like the Tribal Chairpersons, former and current, or Plaintiff Colette Brown—all of whom had more meaningful participation in the redistricting process than Mr. Campbell. Nor has Defendant explained why the transcripts and video from the legislative hearings are likewise insufficient to establish the basic facts to which he says Mr. Campbell can testify.

There is no requirement in Section 2 that a minority group specifically request an opportunity district as part of the legislative process—let alone that they do so on a particular

⁵ Nor does Mr. Campbell's relative sophistication in the eyes of Defendant provide any justification for the Redistricting Committee's purported reliance on his testimony in favor of a subdistrict for Spirit Lake as a reason to *reject* both that proposal and Spirit Lake's subsequent request for a combined district with Turtle Mountain. *Cf.* Def. Response to Pls. Mot. in Limine at 6, ECF 99 (explaining he seeks to establish that subdistricts were drawn "consistent with the requests made by Native Americans and Tribal representatives").

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timetable. Taken at face value, Defendant's strategy is puzzling. The legislature's rejection of Mr. Campbell's advocacy on behalf of Spirit Lake and Standing Rock, its imposition of an unrequested subdistrict on Turtle Mountain, and its rejection of the requested unified district by Chairmen Yankton and Azure hardly illustrates a legislature carefully listening to the Tribes. Given the—at best—limited probative value and cumulative nature of the evidence Defendant seeks, his attempt to compel Mr. Campbell's testimony appears to be nothing more than a "harassing . . . adversary trial tactic that does nothing for the administration of justice, but rather prolongs and increases the costs of litigation." *Shelton*, 805 F.2d at 1330; *see also* Fed. R. Evid. 403 (allowing courts to exclude relevant evidence "if its probative value is substantially outweighed by a danger of unfair prejudice . . . undue delay, wasting time, or needlessly presenting cumulative evidence).

The Court should grant Plaintiffs' motion in limine and exclude the testimony of Mr. Campbell for the reasons stated above.⁶ To the extent the Court denies the motion, however, Plaintiffs have reserved the right to call any witness identified by Defendant in their case in chief. *See* Ex. 6 (Plaintiffs' Witness list). As such, Plaintiffs have notified Defendant that, in the event this motion is denied, Plaintiffs intend to call Mr. Campbell live as an affirmative witness in their case in chief.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant Plaintiffs' motion in limine.

⁶ As Plaintiffs previously noted, Defendant failed to provide "a summary of the facts and opinions" to be offered with respect to the testimony of witnesses identified as non-retained experts as required by the rules. ECF 97 at 10 n.6 (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(C)(ii)). Defendant did not address this issue in his response to Plaintiffs' motion. Plaintiffs separately raised this issue with Defendant's counsel on May 25, prior to Defendants' submission of his witness list to the Court, in which he lists current and former employees Erika White, Bryan Nybakken, and Bryan Newby as expert witnesses. Defendant has not supplemented his disclosures, nor otherwise provided the required information for these individuals, and thus Plaintiffs reiterate their request that the Court exclude any expert opinion testimony by these witnesses.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing was served on all counsel of record via the Court's CM/ECF system.

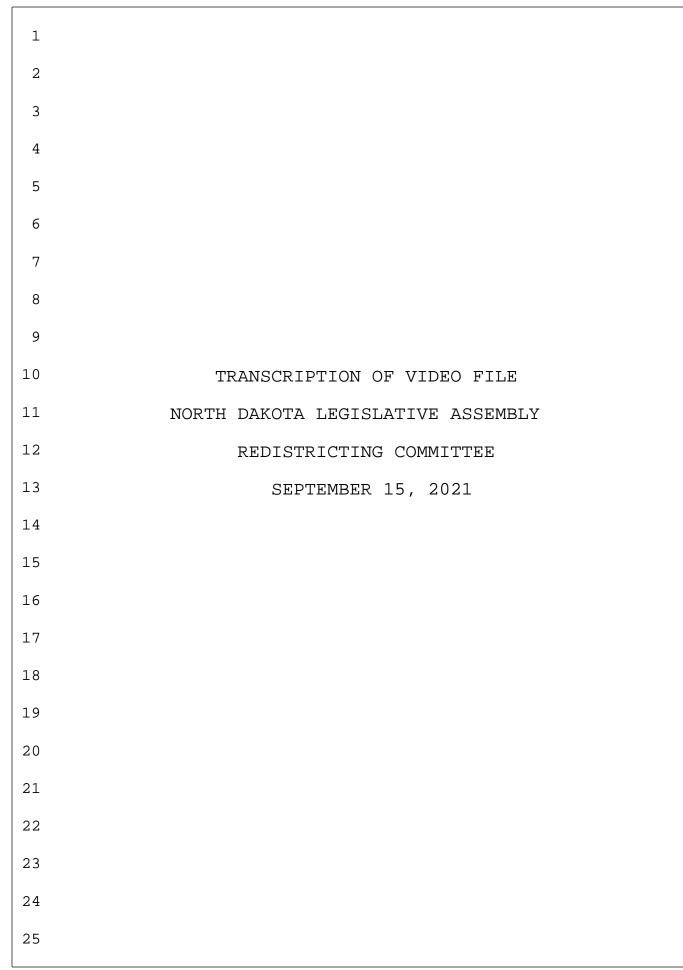
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EXHIBIT 1

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1	SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
2	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: We'll call the
3	Redistricting Committee to order.
4	Emily, if you would take the roll, I
5	would appreciate that.
6	MS. THOMPSON: And Chairman Devlin.
7	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Here.
8	MS. THOMPSON: Representative Bellew.
9	REPRESENTATIVE BELLEW: Here.
10	MS. THOMPSON: Representative Boschee.
11	REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Here.
12	MS. THOMPSON: Representative Headland.
13	REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: Here.
14	MS. THOMPSON: Representative Lefor.
15	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Here.
16	MS. THOMPSON: Representative Monson.
17	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Here.
18	MS. THOMPSON: Representative Nathe.
19	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Here.
20	MS. THOMPSON: Representative Schauer.
21	REPRESENTATIVE SCHAUER: Here.
22	MS. THOMPSON: And Senator Holmberg.
23	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Here.
24	MS. THOMPSON: Senator Bekkedahl.
25	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Here.



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1	MS. THOMPSON: Senator Burckhard.
2	SENATOR BURCKHARD: Here.
3	MS. THOMPSON: Senator Erbele.
4	SENATOR ERBELE: Here.
5	MS. THOMPSON: Senator Klein.
6	SENATOR KLEIN: Here.
7	MS. THOMPSON: Senator Oban.
8	SENATOR OBAN: Here.
9	MS. THOMPSON: Senator Poolman.
10	SENATOR Poolman: Here.
11	MS. THOMPSON: And Senator Sorvaag.
12	SENATOR SORVAAG: Here.
13	MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, we have a
14	quorum.
15	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you.
16	Representative Monson, as we can see, is
17	joining us by Teams today.
18	We will what are your wishes for the
19	minutes from our September 8th meeting?
20	UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Motion to approve,
21	Your Honor.
22	UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Second.
23	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Motion has been moved
24	and approved. Motion has been moved and seconded
25	to approve the minutes.



1 Any discussion? 2 Seeing none, all those in favor of the 3 minutes, say aye. 4 (Unanimous ayes) 5 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Nay? 6 (No audible response) 7 Motion carries. 8 Well, we are going to start today with 9 the -- some comments from representatives of the 10 Tribal Nations. I think Commissioner Davis is 11 maybe going to lead this off, and I may be wrong 12 on that. 13 Are you going to introduce tribal 14 members that are here today, or what is your 15 wishes? 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, I can. 17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. Thank you very 18 much. 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Chairman, Committee 20 members. Just for the record, my name is Nathan 21 Davis. I'm the commissioner of North Dakota 22 Indian Affairs. 23 As was discussed the last meeting that 24 was here, I had reached out to the Tribal Nations 25 to ensure that there is that conversation, that



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24 Seeing none, thank you.	24	Seeing none, thank you.
25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.	25	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.



1	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: It was our intent, as
2	you know, Commissioner, to have the Tribal
3	Relations Committee members meet with the each of
4	the tribes and discuss redistricting, and then we
5	wanted also to have an opportunity for them to
6	address us directly in this Committee members.
7	And I thank you for helping to facilitate that.
8	I appreciate that very much.
9	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. Thank you,
10	Chairman. And I do what to reciprocate that
11	thanks for you making that a point to consult
12	with the tribes on this matter.
13	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah.
14	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So, thank you.
15	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: So who is going to
16	speak first; do you know?
17	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I will call
18	Chairman Faith to the stand to speak first.
19	Thank you.
20	CHAIRMAN FAITH: (Indiscernible) My
21	friends, relatives, (Indiscernible) Buffalo
22	soldier, studied law, Chairman, Mike Faith. I
23	just greeted everybody as a relative and friend.
24	I want to take this time to thank you
25	for very, very short notice to come up and



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1 testify. I think it's so important that we get 2 our point across, and again, I can't speak for 3 other tribal nations, but again, everybody, good 4 morning (indiscernible).

5 I just want -- I'm going to be brief. I 6 probably will have Matthew Campbell come up, one 7 of our legals to broaden the picture of what our 8 ask is. And again, the census does show a growth 9 in Native, but again, unfortunately, in Sioux 10 County, will contest that every time, that the 11 other county is there. For whatever reasons, we 12 run into that.

Again, this one, COVID. You try to get Again, this one, COVID. You try to get a true count up there with numbers, and you have a pandemic going on. It's pretty hard to do anything.

17 So the concern today is the 18 redistricting. And I want to thank the Committee 19 for allowing us to throw some ideas out, you 20 know. One of them would be -- I'm going to speak 21 on behalf of District 31, again, which is right 22 south of us, part of -- it splits Mandan, I 23 guess, the train tracks south to Sioux County, 24 Grant County, and I see there's addition of a 25 little bit of Hettinger County on there.



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1	But our ask is pretty simple today, and
2	we know it is allowable. But a lot of the issue
3	at hand depend on percentages, and what we're
4	going to do is just ask for special understanding
5	of the uniqueness. You know, when you turn
6	around over the years we're at court. We're
7	challenging this, challenging that. I think a
8	lot of that could be curved with a Committee such
9	as yours understanding the uniqueness.

I know Chairman Fox has five segments up there. Of course, ours runs into North and South Dakota - Corset County of South Dakota and Sioux County of North Dakota, consist of 2.3 million acres of identified Standing Rock.

15 And I'll just get to the point today of 16 why I ask this. We ask that you seriously look 17 at sub-districting District 31. The purpose of it is this: is that Morton County along, Mandan 18 19 even using the train tracks splitting Mandan, 20 North Dakota to the south is part of District 31. 21 And you'll hear from the other 22 reservations or the other Native countries that 23 we have to also -- we want a voice in there. And we're not looking at affiliate of if you're 24 25 Republican or Democrat or independent. If you



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1	ask that, I think more so a lot of people are
2	looking at being independents.
3	With our structure and uniqueness, we
4	have to work with the federal, state, county,
5	townships, so many jurisdictions, that looking at
6	a favorable party. I think the tribe over the
7	years worked with Republicans, Democrats, alike,
8	both.
9	So I guess I'm not here today to try to
10	push any party. I'm here today to do an ask, and
11	I know you're it's going to be difficult
12	because you sentry code sometimes goes off of
13	policies of percentages.
14	But over the years, like I said, I don't
15	want to be seeing us going at each other in court
16	or challenging each other. I think working
17	together and getting representation with the
18	state structure you know, North Dakota is a
19	beautiful place. It's got a lot, a lot of
20	history. We have a lot of different areas from
21	German Russians, you know it. It's here. The
22	heritage is here. It's a strong, good heritage
23	of hard workers.
24	So again, working together and
25	understanding each other's ask, you know. We



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1	don't want it to be a one-way street. There's
2	times where the State comes down in our county.
3	We have a multi-hazard mitigation plan at
4	Standing Rock. Sioux County signed off on that
5	right away.
6	The county commissioners, the townships
7	of South Ridge, Solen, and Fort Yates, the
8	federal government, the Bureau of Indian Affairs,
9	the colleges, the schools, the tribe. So the
10	state emergency manager down there would be our
11	county sheriff. Again, opens the door for state
12	need.
13	So we do things working together for the
14	protection of all. Unfortunately, you can't
15	prepare for all of them under that, you know. We
16	do have pandemic on there, but who would think
17	that we would have this kind of pandemic. It's
18	something that we have to fight something that's
19	not there; we can't see. So it's pretty touch
20	sometimes.
21	But here's what I'm going to ask today,
22	and I'll get right to the point. We're going to
23	talk about sub-districting District 31 is that
24	just for the house. I'm only talking about the
25	House now because there's two positions there.



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And looking at the sub-districting would be Grant
 and Sioux, Grant and Sioux Counties. And maybe
 making the southern part of Morton the other sub district A and B.

5 So you'll have one representative from A 6 and one representative from B. I quess I can't 7 get any simpler than that. You have the 8 authority to sub-district. Like I said, I think 9 we're all probably tired of challenging each 10 other, and going to court, and getting opinions. 11 I think today our ask is pretty simple. It's to 12 ask you that in a good way.

Look at 31, just the House, where you would have sub A and sub B. Morton County alone numbers outweigh. You could probably put three counties together and still outweigh the numberwise.

18 So again, I know the question of 19 percentage is going to come up, but it's a true 20 and honest ask from Standing Rock. We would 21 definitely have different numbers if we could use 22 South Dakota Corset County in ours. We're 23 unique. So you know, it is what it is. We're 24 only discussing Sioux County today along with 25 Grant.



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Back in the day in 2014, I did run, and again, I truly believe that portion of 31, the northern part of it, which is the Mandan and Morton County, it is playing a factor. It will continue to play a factor on date of votes and the local farmer/rancher adjoining that we have and also Grant County.

8 So you know, it would be great if they 9 have -- competition is good, but all we want is 10 an equal chance to have representation in the 11 House of 31, District 31.

12 So again, the sub-district that I'm 13 talking about is A and B, which would be -- if 14 you want to put A as the Morton County portion of 15 it. We do have draft maps. It actually just 16 took out Mandan, but I think in talking with our 17 legal counsel, I think just taking out Morton and 18 making it a sub-district of District 31 would be 19 more favorable to us. And hopefully --

Again, we're throwing this out at you knowing that it does state, you know, 50 percent. I think we're around close to 40. But again, it's this Committee that could recommend it. And I think the purpose of the whole thing is representation and better communications for the



1 Native nations within our state.

2 And keep in mind, we are citizens of the 3 state of North Dakota from Sioux County. We're 4 also citizens of the United States, but we're 5 unique by treaty. So we're here today as 6 government to government asking a Committee to 7 seriously look at giving us that opportunity. And it's no guarantee that we would get a Native 8 9 in there, but at least to give us a better 10 fighting chance to get representation into the 11 state.

12 And I think right now with my 13 administration -- you know, after 21 years of 14 being on the council, vice chairman and chairman 15 on and off since 1984, I decided not to run this 16 year. I don't wish this pandemic on anybody, any 17 administration, any nation. And of course, my 18 back kind of helped me. I got to go into surgery 19 on the 28th, finally.

But that's my ask today, Committee, Please. You're going to have some other testimony behind me, but it's pretty simple and to the point. We're not going to try to mislead you, do any deception tactics. It's just getting straight to the point of, you know, it's okay to



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1	do that, to recommend a sub-district. And again,
2	it's just a House. We're not looking at the
3	Senate. So again, that would be my ask from
4	Standing Rock, and I ask for your blessing for it
5	to look at it seriously. It's not about party,
6	but it's true representation from within our
7	state of North Dakota.
8	So again, I wish you a good morning.
9	And any comments or questions?
10	Go ahead.
11	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Mr. Chairman, if I
12	could. The population you gave us of, I think,
13	Grant and Sioux is about, say, 6200. So you
14	would need another 2300 people roughly to make,
15	you know, the district that's required under the
16	Constitution, one person, one vote. Where would
17	you see that other 2300 people coming from? Is
18	there a certain area that you're looking at?
19	CHAIRMAN FAITH: Well, again, thank you,
20	sir. The area that we did map out actually had
21	Morton, and again, maybe not. It's still going
22	to probably come up to close to 40 percent, and
23	that's what I mentioned earlier. Our percentages
24	are what they are.
25	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah.



1	CHAIRMAN FAITH: But it's a special ask
2	today for the purpose of representation. So
3	you're looking at if the map that we
4	originally put out was just taking Mandan out of
5	the picture. But realistically, it doesn't
6	really make sense to make just a half a city a
7	sub-district. Taking out Morton, that part that
8	we just talked about, does drop our percentages,
9	our numbers.
10	Hettinger County, there's a portion of
11	that that's still on there. Number wise I don't
12	know what that would come up to, but right now if
13	you look at the map, it shows a portion of
14	Hettinger, Grant, Sioux, and then, of course,
15	Morton and not total, but a portion of Morton.
16	And again, I knew that when I did my
17	discussion that percentage is going to come up.
18	The other tribes are going to be probably maybe
19	asking. I heard Chairman Fox on a news statement
20	last week I believe it was. He was looking at
21	five segments.
22	Again, it's an ask. We know that
23	there's it says 50 percent. We know that, but
24	we're here today in a good way to seriously ask,
25	take a look at that. I mean, are you going to



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1	get recalled if you go below 50? I doubt it.
2	The people leave it up to you to do to make
3	the right decision, and I know sometimes the
4	rules or policy are questions of you know,
5	again, like I said, that's why we're here today.
6	We're asking in a good way, knowing in advance
7	that percentage is going to be the question. But
8	true representation from all the nations
9	within North Dakota, I think, is what we want to
10	look at into the future.
11	Any others?
12	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Schauer
13	has a question.
14	REPRESENTATIVE SCHAUER: Thank you,
15	Mr. Chairman.
16	Chairman Faith, thank you for being here
17	today, and hopefully your back heals properly and
18	quickly. The question is for you: you mentioned
19	a couple times, true representation and better
20	communication, but when I look at this sub-
21	district idea, I'm thinking to myself, well,
22	okay, 31A has one representative and one senator.
23	That's two people. In the past they would have
24	three people; 31B would have one representative
25	and one senator. That would be two people.
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1 So in my mind -- and I'm not familiar 2 with your area -- how does that make for better 3 representation when you're losing 33 percent of 4 your representation? 5 CHAIRMAN FAITH: I guess I look at this 6 this way: the A and B is still two people. 7 You're not gaining or losing. You're still going 8 to have two House and one Senate. So I don't --9 I guess looking at true representation, I guess 10 standing here today as a chairman and a leader of 11 a nation, tribal, I guess that's what I'm 12 referencing is that we also would like to have an 13 advantage. 14 And again, I don't want to get into 15 party affiliate. I just want to stay to the 16 point of the ask, which is a sub-district of just 17 the House. So it's still two people, but it's 18 also -- it's not adding or deleting any. But I 19 think tribal representation needs to be given a 20 good honest chance. 21 If you look at back in the past of '14, 22 I myself, I did run. But I don't want to get 23 into the party affiliated areas from Republican,

24 Democrat, or independent. So I want to leave it

at -- pretty much open as that. And other



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1	statements coming up may have a different outlook
2	of you're thinking, but it's when Mr. Campbell
3	gets up, he could probably explain a little more.
4	But I think what we're asking from a
5	Native point of view is at least give us that
6	fighting chance. When you got a heavy party
7	affiliate in the northern part of 31, it doesn't
8	really make sense for us. We just we want to
9	have true representation on the state level also.
10	So again, it's an ask. It's not
11	I guess I'm saying that we're tired of
12	going to court and challenging the State or the
13	counties. I think we're working well in a good
14	way for the betterment of all our people within
15	the state of North Dakota, and I'll leave it at
16	that. But thank you. But true representation, I
17	guess I speak it from the tribal perspective.
18	That's why I'm here today, that the Native voice
19	should be also within the great state of North
20	Dakota.
21	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Mr. Chairman, I
22	believe Representative Nathe had a question.
23	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Thank you,
24	Mr. Chairman.
25	Chairman Faith, that's for coming today.



1	CHAIRMAN FAITH: Sure.
2	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Appreciate it.
3	So you had mentioned in your testimony talking
4	about we just want to have an opportunity. We
5	just want to have a chance. So when we discussed
6	some of this in Fargo last week, sir, are you
7	saying the current system right now doesn't give
8	you the opportunity or chance?
9	CHAIRMAN FAITH: The word chance is
10	this: the percentage is there. We know that in
11	black and white. And we're asking face to face
12	to be given a chance to Redistrict 31 in a good
13	way.
14	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: But that's a good
15	way that would benefit the reservation.
16	CHAIRMAN FAITH: It will represent it
17	will benefit southern, rural North Dakota better,
18	I think, because of the farmer/rancher areas.
19	When you got a population of Mandan, which isn't
20	a city, you know, you don't really see those
21	people until time comes for voting. The rural
22	area of Sioux and Grant Counties, excuse me. But
23	I'm just saying that the farmer/rancher and
24	citizens of the southern part of District 31 need
25	a chance of representation, especially with



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you know, with the drought conditions being what 1 2 they are now, you got city people that are -- I 3 don't know -- are they boots on the ground out 4 there, fighting for water for cattle operators 5 and farmers? I don't -- to be honest with you, I 6 don't think that so. 7 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: If I may, 8 Mr. Chairman. 9 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You may condition. 10 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: I know that 11 representatives of 31 have been elected three or 12 four times, so obviously, the people out there 13 think they're representing that. 14 So I mean, you're saying right now the 15 representation they have in that district or, 16 say, any of the other districts, they're not 17 properly representing the reservation? 18 CHAIRMAN FAITH: I guess, you know, you 19 could take it from our point of view. We want 20 true representation like I'm saying. And we just 21 want -- we want to look at the redistricting 22 here. We're looking at a sub-district, which is 23 allowable. 24 But again, like I said earlier, the 25 percentages are going to be what they are. You



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1	guys are going to look at it and say, well,
2	here's what it says, 50 percent. It's already
3	been brought up. It's just something that we
4	want to bring forth, and I think that I don't
5	want to get into the affiliate of where those
6	individuals, which party they're on.
7	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Well, this whole
8	thing is politics. I know you mentioned that
9	several times, Chairman.
10	CHAIRMAN FAITH: Yeah.
11	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: But it's politics
12	on both sides of the aisle.
13	So I have one other question, if I may,
14	Mr. Chairman.
15	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You may continue.
16	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: And I had
17	mentioned this in Fargo. And my question is to
18	you: why wasn't this brought up, say, last
19	redistricting or the last other redistricting?
20	Because I had never heard anything about this
21	until July, until some national group from D.C.
22	started kicking this up. We haven't heard from
23	anything from the reservations the previous 10
24	years. I was on the committee back in 2011,
25	never once came up, and these districts have not



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1	really changed in the last probably 10 to 20
2	years. So why all of a sudden now we need
3	subdivisions, other than it being pushed by a
4	national group by the D.C.?
5	CHAIRMAN FAITH: Well, you know, again,
б	you talk about '11. That's quite a while back.
7	I think I was vice chairman with Murphy then.
8	But you know, like we just got this meeting
9	information here, when I'm standing here today,
10	probably a day or two ago. I can't answer
11	anybody, any other tribes why it's just now
12	coming up today. But when we got the invite, it
13	talked about redistricting. I can't speak for
14	former administrations, but I would say this:
15	that it's time to be brought up and asked if it's
16	a possibility. That's why we're here today.
17	And as far as meetings at Fargo and
18	wherever, you know, with this pandemic going on,
19	we're not traveling as much as probably a lot
20	are, and the numbers are skyrocketing again.
21	They're spiking here and there. So safety, not
22	only for myself but for the people that the
23	council people and whoever else comes up.
24	So I can't answer for previous years,
25	but right now it's an ask today. We're looking



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1	for the Committee to actually take a look at it
2	and give us a true response one way or the other.
3	Because like I said, under my administration, I
4	think we've been working well with the State, the
5	counties of both states, trying to come to a
6	positive future for who we represent, the people
7	of North Dakota in this case. Thank you.
8	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Couple more questions,
9	Mr. Chairman.
10	Senator Holmberg.
11	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: First of all, I'll
12	put just a little correction on what
13	Representative Nathe said. This has always been
14	part of it. In fact, back in 1991, the bill that
15	came to the legislature had some division of some
16	Native populations, and I can't remember. I know
17	Fort Berthold was divided in that particular
18	bill. That was taken out. That was a
19	legislative decision.
20	But, yeah, it has been there. It has
21	been discussed. The legislature has,
22	historically, been somewhat obviously,
23	somewhat reluctant. They have never passed it,
24	but this has to balance between what the justice
25	department of the federal government says is



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2	But we have such a huge division amongst
3	the reservations. I mean, you have Fort
4	Berthold, which 50 percent of a subdivided
5	district lives on the reservation. So that,
6	clearly, is different than if you get and I'll
7	just go to Lake Travis. Of course, that's 206
8	people in North Dakota. And that would be pretty
9	tough to do anything with it. Then you have the
10	other three with Turtle Mountain with 31 percent
11	of an ideal.
12	So we are faced with a vastly different
13	geography on each one of those reservations that
14	we have to deal with too. But thank you for
15	bringing that and having some suggestions as far
16	as how those lines could be drawn.
17	CHAIRMAN FAITH: And thank you.
18	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Chairman, I think

Representative Monson is online with us today and had a question, and then Representative Headland had a question.

22 CHAIRMAN FAITH: Sure.

23 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Yeah.

24 Mr. Chairman, thank you.

25 Senator Holmberg pretty much brought up



what I was going to mention. But you know, one 1 2 person, one vote means that those subdistricts, 3 if we were to do it, really to be constitutional, 4 have to be relatively even, and 6000 in one sub-5 district and 10,000 in another sub-district 6 really doesn't make it constitutional. 7 So you understand that we have to go by 8 the percentages and numbers. You brought that 9 up, but you know, we'd have to add some other people in order to make it roughly equal, one 10 11 person, one vote. And it would mean some of 12 Morton County and probably Hettinger County would 13 end up in that sub-district with Grant and Sioux 14 County. So not really a question there, just a 15 comment, but it was already mentioned pretty much 16 by Senator Holmberg. 17 CHAIRMAN FAITH: And thank you for that. 18 I think I did say our original map does still 19 keep that percentage of Morton and, again, 20 Hettinger County, just taking out the city 21 portion of Mandan, which our original map looked 22 like. So again, thank you. 23 And I said from the start, it's going to 24 be questioned as far as percentages, and we knew



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that.

But you know, we want to be heard, for the

1 record. 2 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative 3 Headland had a question. 4 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: If I might 5 continue, just one comment, if I could. 6 You brought up that rural, the ranchers 7 and issues with water were not probably always 8 addressed. And I chair the education and 9 environment section of House appropriations. And my vice chairman, actually, is your 10 11 representative, and he is an advocate for water 12 like you would not believe. So when it comes to 13 representation dealing with water, you probably 14 have the best in the state. 15 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative 16 Headland. 17 REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: Thank you, 18 Mr. Chairman. 19 Mr. Chairman, a couple of things. You had mentioned earlier that after the comment by 20 21 representative Schauer, you feel you would still 22 have two representatives, even though you would 23 be supportive of other districts. 24 I wonder if you understand. I just want 25 to be clear. That when you divide districts into



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1	sub-districts, you only vote in the sub-
2	districts. So you don't get the vote in the
3	other. So, in fact, it is true that you will be
4	losing one representative.
5	And the other thing that I you know,
6	I have my interpretation of what I believe you're
7	talking about when you talk about true
8	representation. But for the Committee, so we all
9	understand exactly what you're talking about, can
10	you define what you mean as true representation.
11	CHAIRMAN FAITH: I guess and I'll be
12	upfront with you. You know, we're here as a
13	trial nation, and as far as the vote, I
14	understand that you'd only vote in A or B
15	depending on your location, if there's a sub-
16	district.
17	But as far as true representation, I
18	think on a sub-district, it's up to the people.
19	Let's just say we did the division or the the
20	people of Grant, Sioux, and southern Morton would
21	have that opportunity. I'm just saying that a
22	city added onto a rural district like 31 does
23	make a heck of a difference number wise. And if
24	you want to look at it realistically party
25	wise.



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1	So I think just taking out the Mandan
2	portion and letting them be their own Sub-
3	district 31 would be fine with us. But it's
4	just like the numbers he's talking about, to
5	me is if you look at our map, it does just
6	take out Mandan, the southern part of Mandan. It
7	still leaves that portion of 31 on there. I was
8	just throwing out ideas, but also Hettinger, a
9	portion of Hettinger County.
10	So that would it's not going to bring
11	it up to what we want. Like I said, it would be
12	very close to 40 percent, and knowing coming up
13	here 50 percent is the bottom line. So it's just
14	an ask for the Committee, and we'll take it at
15	that.
16	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Further questions from
17	the Committee?
18	(No audible response)
19	Thank you, Chairman, for making time to
20	participate.
21	CHAIRMAN FAITH: And again, I'll thank
22	everybody for the opportunity for this and, you
23	know, the very short notice. We appreciate that.
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27	Thank you.



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1	present next? I'm sorry. I missed it.
2	CHAIRMAN FAITH: Councilman Walker.
3	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Councilman Walker.
4	COUNCILMAN WALKER: Chairman Devlin,
5	members of the Redistricting Committee, good
6	morning. My name is Charles Walker, councilman
7	at large, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.
8	I do have written testimony. I'll read
9	directly from that, but I know that there is a
10	question about true representation. I'll get
11	straight to it. I'll say that part of it. When
12	we talk about representation, from what I have
13	heard, responses and comments from the Committee
14	is that, yes, it is politics. Is there a
15	workaround? I guess in my experience, in my
16	opinion, first and foremost I would say, the
17	representation isn't adequate because there is no
18	what's the word I want to say without being
19	disrespectful or being misinterpreted? There is
20	no I'll just say. There's no communication
21	between them, the representatives that are in
22	there in the past years.
23	And I'll say that and even though I'm
24	on the record, everything to me the party
25	lines, they do matter. The Democrats do cater to



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1	the Native vote. We all know that. That's a
2	fact. The Republicans, not so much.
3	And I will say that because,
4	understandably, I would consider myself a
5	centrist, maybe a little bit more right leaning.
б	But I do believe in the Republican ideals that in
7	a republic you have a nation of laws. And in
8	democracy, whoever gets the majority wins, and I
9	don't think that's always the right decision.
10	What I say in a republic the reason
11	I'm saying that is that we live in these
12	states that exist here, North and South Dakota,
13	probably some of the deepest red states we know
14	in this nation. And one of the things that
15	really is dumbfounding to me is the lack of
16	respect and the lack of acknowledgment of our
17	Constitution when comes to that. It's always
18	paraphrased, taken out of context, not taken
19	straightforward.
20	But within that we talk about
21	Constitution. We talk about rules, laws. We
22	talk about republics. We talk about all these
23	different things. But yet when it comes to being
24	equal, doing all these other things, you know, it
25	doesn't count, and it does matter.



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1	And I'll say it right now - the factor
2	in this is race, and we don't think of ourselves
3	as being a race. In our language, we are wicha
4	(phonetic) is the word, wicha. Those titles have
5	come across from the federal government. All the
6	way back to the Constitution we are identified
7	as, you know, noble savages, those types of
8	things. We're also only two-thirds human being.
9	And the black population is only three-fifths
10	human being, you know, that type of stuff.
11	Those are tangible things you can go
12	into the Federal Registry. You can go in and you
13	can see those things.
14	So it is. It's politics. It's race.
15	I'll say it. I won't dance around the subject.
16	But I do understand. I would say the
17	fix, the easiest way to do it is if we had some
18	Republican representation that would engage with
19	the communities in Sioux County. And I do know
20	they're probably over in South Ridge. They're
21	probably over in Solen. I don't think they're in
22	Cannonball. I know they're not in Porcupine, and
23	I know they're not in Fort Yates, maybe a bit.
24	But you know, beyond that, the Republican ideals
25	shouldn't go against their own beliefs also, I



¹ believe.

That's why I call myself a centrist. If I didn't see the hypocrisy in the party, I myself would be registered Republican.

5 The state of South Dakota is where I 6 reside. And you guys are probably scratching 7 your head, but I'm elected at large on Standing 8 Rock. I was a North Dakota resident, eight 9 years, and in that time I have never been engaged 10 by a Republican representation for the state.

11 You know, at one point I was a citizen 12 of North Dakota, but yet we had the Democrats 13 pounding on our door every time there's an 14 election, you know, coming. But there's never 15 any engagement, so the representation isn't 16 there. That's a fact.

17 And speaking of national groups, I 18 When these outside entities come into our agree. 19 local affairs, it does disrupt and does cause 20 disruptions. But you have a new -- and I'm -- I 21 quess I would say in comparison to some of you 22 who have been in politics for decades, you know, 23 I'm getting my feet wet. I'm going on six years 24 now.

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You have individuals like myself,



critical thinkers, who want to take a step back and say, let's look at all the facts. Let's just tell it how it is. Let's deal with it that way, but also we need to be straightforward. That -those are some of the reasons why this hasn't been brought up in the past.

7 You know, it would be -- it would be 8 better just to have an engagement of those -- of 9 those officials who are elected. And you know, I 10 know there was a statement saying one of the best 11 representatives, but you could ask probably 99 12 percent of the people in Sioux County who is 13 their representative. They wouldn't even know, and that's a cold hard fact right there. 14

¹⁵ So I'll read my testimony. I guess I'm ¹⁶ not here to debate. I'm not here to argue. I'm ¹⁷ not trying to persuade anybody anything. I'm ¹⁸ here to speak for the record, and I know that we ¹⁹ -- understandably, we would probably agree on ²⁰ more things than what you probably think.

Let me see. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, federally recognized tribe located in the states of North Dakota and South Dakota. In North Dakota the reservation makes up Sioux County and has 4373 residents, 3644 of whom are Native



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1 American. Sioux County has a Native American 2 border age population of 86 percent. That's a 3 pretty high percentage right there. 4 Standing Rock is a sovereign nation 5 governed by its tribal council. Our tribal 6 members are the Dakota and Dakota Nations. I'm 7 here to advocate on behalf of the tribe and its 8 members, and that's straightforward right there. 9 It is. We're here as part of membership, the 10 Native vote. It does matter. It does have an 11 effect. Otherwise, we wouldn't have the whole ID 12 issue that had come up, and that's a fact. That 13 is politics. There's no ifs, ands about it. I'm not reading in between lines. The information is 14 15 there, and anybody with a logical half a brain 16 would see it. 17 Our tribal use of single member 18 districts elect representatives to State House. 19 Tribe's communities to be considered a community 20 of interest that should not be split into 21 multiple legislative districts. 22 We request North Dakota Redistricting 23 Committee listen to tribal input and hold 24 redistricting meetings in tribal consultations on 25 reservations.

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1	That right there is a it's a request.
2	And I will say this: there was a question of why
3	hasn't this been why now?
4	Chairman Faith did let you now the
5	situation, and I will tell you. I served as a
б	councilperson under Chairman Orshambel (phonetic)
7	administration and Chairman Faith. Under
8	Chairman Faith, we have communication, and we
9	have working relationships in both states. And
10	that right there is we catch a lot of pushback
11	from our own membership, you know. And trying to
12	move forward in way that we address these issues
13	because if you just sit on the sidelines and
14	throw rocks and jabs and talk about the way other
15	places are governing where you basically don't
16	have a say anyway, it's going to be something
17	that it doesn't do anything. It's not a way
18	to move forward in any type of way, good, bad,
19	right or wrong.
20	Recent history - tribes fight for voting
21	rights, like I mentioned, the tribal IDs.
22	Physical street address, those types of things
23	come up.
24	Native American population grew by 29.7
25	percent the last decade, and that rate there is a



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1	jump. You can take a look at it by referencing
2	our public school districts. You look at the
3	areas which are basically higher populations.
4	They have a growth. We have so many co-opts
5	within the state, within the schools because of
6	declining populations. But yet on the Indian
7	reservations you have the exploding population
8	for the school. You have that growth within
9	there.
10	You know, a lot of that I've taken out
11	of context and added my own point of view of the
12	information I have gathered, and I do have a
13	written testimony. And that's all I have for you
14	today, Committee.
15	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you, Councilman.
16	Can we have a copy of your written testimony?
17	COUNCILMAN WALKER: Yes.
18	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I had just a follow-up
19	question of what you said. You mentioned
20	splitting up the reservations, and to my
21	knowledge in my lifetime, that has not been done
22	in North Dakota. And I'm wondering, being you
23	live in South Dakota, is that something that I
24	mean, that would be unconstitutional. So I'm
25	just wondering why they could split up a



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reservation. Where did that happen? 1 2 COUNCILMAN WALKER: Split up a 3 reservation? 4 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. 5 COUNCILMAN WALKER: What do you mean? б CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You said you'd split a 7 reservation to go to various districts is a 8 comment you made. 9 COUNCILMAN WALKER: Oh, gerrymandering. 10 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: No. 11 COUNCILMAN WALKER: That's the 12 reference. 13 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. But you're not 14 -- we're not -- nobody is splitting any 15 reservation in the state of --16 COUNCILMAN WALKER: No, no. 17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. We're on the 18 same page. 19 COUNCILMAN WALKER: Yeah. 20 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I just misunderstood. 21 Thank you. 22 COUNCILMAN WALKER: Yeah. 23 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Misinterpreted it. 24 COUNCILMAN WALKER: This copy? 25 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Just hand it down.



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1	Thank you very much, Councilman.
2	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Mr. Chairman, I
3	had a question for Mr. Walker.
4	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I apologize,
5	Representative Monson. I didn't I didn't see
6	the note. I apologize, Representative Monson.
7	Go ahead.
8	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Thank you,
9	Mr. Chairman.
10	Mr. Walker, you used the word
11	communicate, communication, and communication
12	goes two ways. Have you tried to communicate
13	with your present representatives? You say you
14	don't see them, except when they are looking for
15	a vote. But have you reached our, or has the
16	tribe reached out to try to communicate with
17	them?
18	COUNCILMAN WALKER: Oh, yes. And we can
19	get that documentation if you need it. If you
20	need something if you can't take my word for
21	what it is, we'll get you the documentation.
22	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Beyond that, I
23	guess so what do you think would be different
24	if you had a Native representative in District 31
25	if it was subdivided. Do you think the results

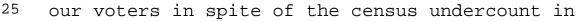


1	from the legislature as a whole would be
2	significantly different?
3	COUNCILMAN WALKER: I believe that you
4	would have a representation that would be that
5	I would say it would not be along party lines.
6	We would have to take that party system on and
7	have an individual run as a total independent,
8	not independent ideals as in policy, but somebody
9	who is going to come in as a representative that
10	would gather all the information.
11	See if you're going to if you want to
12	quantify it and say, oh, yeah, well, this
13	information here; this is logical. This shifted
14	out. Bring it forward. There would be a voice,
15	which wouldn't be upon a certain set of ideals.
16	It would be a true representation of what
17	people's needs are.
18	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you. We
19	appreciate it.
20	COUNCILMAN WALKER: And I'm not talking
21	socialism or communism.
22	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you for being
23	here today, sir.
24	COUNCILMAN WALKER: Yeah.
25	MS. COLLETTE BROWN: Hi. Good morning,

Redistricting Committee. I was here last month.
 Chairman Devlin and the members of the
 Committee members, thank you for having me here
 today. I am Collette Brown, Gaming Commission
 Executive Director at Spirit Lake Casino and
 Resort and will be testifying today on behalf of
 the Spirit Lake Nation.

8 I previously testified before this 9 Committee on August 26th and appreciate the 10 Committee members allowing me this additional 11 opportunity to speak on behalf of the Spirit Lake 12 Nation.

13 As I informed during my prior testimony, 14 the Spirit Lake Nation is a federally recognized 15 tribe located in the state of North Dakota with 16 an enrolled membership of 7559 as of January 17 2021, according to the American Community Survey. 18 There are almost 4000 Native Americans currently 19 living on our reservation, and most of our 20 reservation is located within Benson County. 21 I'm here to advocate on behalf of the 22 tribe and its members for the single-use member 23 districts to elect representatives to the State 24 House, for this Committee members to account for





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1	tribal communities, and to demand the North
2	Dakota Redistricting Committee members listen to
3	tribal input and hold redistricting meetings and
4	tribal consultations on reservations.
5	As I previously testified to, it is
6	critical that the legislature comply with the
7	Voting Rights Act. This includes moving away
8	from at-large districts for the state of the
9	House representatives, which has dilutive effect
10	on minority votes.
11	The Spirit Lake Reservation is located
12	in District 23. The voters on Spirit Lake
13	Reservation tend to support candidates who are
14	outvoted and opposed by voters in other districts
15	areas of the district.
16	In order to provide the Native American
17	voters residing in District 23 a better
18	opportunity to elect the representative of their
19	choice, the Spirit Lake Nation requests the
20	legislature create two single-member districts
21	for the state of the House of Representatives.
22	Failure to draw single-member districts can
23	dilute the Native vote and may violate the Voting
24	Rights Act.
25	Second, Spirit Lake Nation requests that



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legislature consider a historical census
 undercount among the tribal communities in North
 Dakota. If this Committee members only looks at
 the recorded number from the 2020 census, it will
 be blinding itself to the true population of
 these communities.

7 In a 2010 census, Native Americans 8 living on the reservation were undercounted by 9 almost five percent, much higher than any groups. 10 Given the coronavirus pandemic, we can 11 expect this undercount to be given higher for 12 2020 census. Only using the currently recorded 13 2020 census numbers in the redistricting process 14 disproportionately impacts Native American votes. 15 These undercounts should be accounted for by the 16 legislature, this Committee, and future 17 districting committees. The American Community 18 Survey may provide a more accurate number.

Third, given the extremely short notice of the invitation to this hearing, which was sent out on Monday night, Spirit Lake Nation Chairman, Douglas Yankton, Senior, was unable to attend this meeting. The Spirit Lake Nation considered this notice to be far from adequate and shows a lack of good faith on part of this Committee to



sincerely take the tribe's perspective into 1 2 account. 3 Additionally, failing to hold hearings 4 near tribal communities silences those tribal 5 member voters who lack resources to travel to 6 Bismarck or to attend these hearings online. 7 Tribes have continued to advocate for 8 more inclusivity in redistricting process, and 9 that advocacy has largely been ignored. 10 As I informed the Committee in my prior 11 testimony, the Spirit Lake Nation and its members 12 have fought hard for the right to vote, which has 13 included successful voting rights cases against a 14 state and county. Spirit Lake Nation will 15 continue to do so when necessary to protect the 16 rights of its members to vote. 17 I thank the Committee members for your 18 time today, and I'm happy to address any questions or concerns with my best notice that I 19 20 have. 21 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I believe you said you 22 had 7759 enrolled members or something to that 23 effect but only 3787 live on the Spirit Lake 24 Reservation, so that's all the votes -- or the 25 count that we can look at. And I'm sure you



understand that. We can't pull in population 1 2 from outside of the reservation to move your 3 numbers up. Or am I misunderstanding what you're 4 saying? 5 MS. COLLETTE BROWN: I understand your 6 question, Chairman. However, I think our number 7 that was considered by the census is 8 undercounted. 9 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. I understand 10 that from you, and I've also heard that from some 11 college towns as well. But we have no choice but 12 to go by the numbers that were given. 13 So my question is, I quess: if you have 14 3700 people roughly out of 16,000, even if you 15 sub-districted, you're not going to have half of 16 the sub-district. Does that matter? 17 MS. COLLETTE BROWN: I am going to refer 18 your question to Native American Rights Fund 19 Representative Matt Campbell. 20 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. 21 Any questions? 22 SENATOR BURCKHARD: Mr. Chairman. Over 23 here. 24 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Oh, I'm sorry. 25 Senator Burckhard.

1 SENATOR BURCKHARD: Collette, greetings. 2 You made reference to a short notice for this 3 meeting. How much notice do you think would be 4 more appropriate? 5 Chairman and MS. COLLETTE BROWN: 6 Senator Burckhard, I would consider a week's 7 notice because you're dealing with tribal 8 nations, who deal with the federal government and 9 the county and other tribal nations. 10 So currently right now my chairman is 11 Saskatoon handling a delicate situation. As you 12 all know, we've -- Canada, they have exhumed 13 bodies, and Saskatoon are bringing those people 14 home today and giving them the proper burial that 15 they need. 16 So a week at least would be considered 17 ample time, I believe. 18 SENATOR BURCKHARD: Okay. Thanks. 19 MS. COLLETTE BROWN: Thank you. 20 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Collette, I just want 21 to follow up on that a little bit. You know, it 22 was our hope that the tribal relations committee 23 would get to meet with every tribe because that's 24 the leadership of the House and Senate. And I 25 don't know if they completed all that, but that



was our understanding. They were going to
 discuss redistricting.

3	When we met last Wednesday, we agreed we
4	wanted to give you an opportunity this week to
5	speak. According to our thing, we send our or
6	made the call to Commissioner Davis' office on
7	Friday with this invitation. Well, he was
8	apparently tied up with something else. So you
9	may have not got it from his office until Monday.
10	But our intent was to make it last week, and I
11	apologize if you got it late. Because our intent
12	wasn't to make it as quickly as possible, and we
13	did that.
14	MS. COLLETTE BROWN: Thank you,
15	Chairman.
16	Any questions?
17	Seeing none, thank you.
18	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Good morning,
19	Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee members.
20	My name is Matt Campbell. I'm a staff attorney
21	at the Native American Rights Fund.
22	And I know Collette referred some
23	questions over to me. I have represented the
24	Spirit Lake Nation and the Standing Rock Sioux
25	Tribe in litigation before. I'm consulting with



1 them now, so I'm happy to answer any questions
2 you may have.
3 You know, I think what I've heard from
4 the tribal leaders today is they are certainly
5 very interested in sub-districting for their

6 districts to improve their opportunities for 7 representation. I've heard that they are 8 interested in being treated as communities of 9 interest that should not be divided, and I'm glad 10 to hear the Committee is not looking to do that 11 because that's something that's important. I 12 think they are communities of interest that have 13 shared cultural values, economic, political, and 14 there values as well within their reservation 15 area but also in the surrounding communities as 16 well.

17 And I would also recommend that the 18 Committee reach out to the tribal nations and 19 formally consult with them after you have a draft 20 plan to get their feedback on any draft plans you 21 may have. So I think that's a great opportunity 22 to provide that formal type of communication, 23 like Chairman Faith mentioned. Opening those 24 lines of communication, I think, is a wonderful 25 thing, to have that discussion and get feedback



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1	from the tribal nations on that.
2	So you know, those are some of the main
3	points I've heard. I'm happy to answer any
4	questions that were raised as well.
5	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Nathe.
6	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Thank you,
7	Mr. Chairman. I could have waited.
8	Thank you, Mr. Campbell for coming. One
9	of the speakers had mentioned earlier about their
10	frustration with their current representation,
11	and I get it. And he was really honest, and I
12	really did appreciate the it was refreshing to
13	hear. It came down between Republican and
14	Democrat, and they're not happy with the
15	Republican representation.
16	Is that enough reason to go down the
17	road of subdivision? I mean, we hear that in
18	other districts too. By the way, hey, there's
19	too many Democrats here. There's too many
20	Republicans here. It's kind of the same thing.
21	They're frustrated with the current leadership.
22	But is that a reason why we should go down the
23	road of subdivision because they're unhappy with
24	the current representation that's not been in
25	contact with them?
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1 MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Well, I don't think 2 that alone is enough reason. I think what I've 3 heard today is, you know, we've heard a lot about 4 representation and true representation or 5 equitable representation. 6 As it stands right now, I think, 7 essentially, the way the system is set up is 8 there are three Senators for every district, and 9 I think, you know, historically when you're 10 looking at House of Representatives, it's a more local form of representation. And you know, the 11 12 lack of hearing from your representative is one 13 aspect of that in terms of why having a sub-14 district would be more beneficial and have that 15 more equitable representation. 16 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: But from a legal 17 18 MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Because you would 19 have a representative that may be more responsive 20 to your local needs because it's a more local 21 view of things because you're not considering, 22 you know, voters the entire district. You're 23 considering voters within that sub-district as 24 your -- you know, who you are representing. 25 But from a legal REPRESENTATIVE NATHE:



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1	standpoint, would that be enough to I mean, a
2	reason to have sub-districts because you're upset
3	with your current representation; you feel
4	they're not being in contact from a legal
5	standpoint?
6	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Well, I think from a
7	legal standpoint, the North Dakota statutes
8	certainly allow the legislature to draw sub-
9	districts. So I don't think there's any question
10	about whether or not the legislature can draw
11	subdistricts in North Dakota.
12	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: I guess I'm
13	looking at the reasoning, you know. The previous
14	speaker basically said, hey, they're not
15	listening to us. We want sub-districts because
16	we want to get people from our side of the aisle
17	in there. So it's almost like we're rigging the
18	system so they can at least get a better chance
19	of getting in there. There's no guarantee they
20	would get in there, but I guess I'm looking from
21	a legal angle. I mean, is that with your
22	experience, is that reason enough to have to do a
23	sub-district?
24	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Well, I think there
25	are many considerations to look at when you're



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1	thinking about sub-districts and, you know,
2	thinking about communities that are indicating
3	that they have shared interests in terms of their
4	identity, their cultural values, their economic
5	values. That they believe that they are entitled
6	to have a representative that's more responsive
7	to their needs. It's certainly a reason to
8	advocate for single-member districts. And of
9	course, the North Dakota statutes allow for that.
10	You know, I think under the Voting
11	Rights Act you can also consider things like
12	racially polarized voting, whether minorities
13	the minority vote has been diluted, the history
14	of discrimination in the area, and things of that
15	nature as well.
16	But, you know, I think the North Dakota
17	statutes allow for single-member districts, and
18	you know, there are several criteria you can
19	consider in that consideration.
20	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative
21	Schauer, I believe.
22	REPRESENTATIVE SCHAUER: Thank you,
23	Mr. Chairman.
24	Mr. Campbell, do you have data to show
25	that the minority vote has been diluted in North



1	Dakota? And do you have data to show that if we
2	split a district, it improves representation?
3	And if so, can you provide this Committee members
4	with that data?
5	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Yeah. We can

MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Yeah. We can certainly provide that information. I think you heard from Chairman Faith that, you know, he ran for the House in 2014 and was unsuccessful. We also know there was another Standing Rock member that has run for the House as well, LaDonna Allard, and was unsuccessful.

12 I think previously to 2014, we saw other 13 Standing Rock members that were also unsuccessful 14 in running for the House. And I think we've also 15 seen that for the three affiliated areas. 16 They've had several members in the last decade 17 run for the House of Representative that were 18 unsuccessful. And I think we also see that in 19 the Spirit Lake Nation region as well. So we can 20 certainly provide that information to the 21 committee. 22 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Monson 23 had a question online, I believe. 24 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Thank you, 25 Mr. Chairman.

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1	Mr. Campbell, you brought up the Voting
2	Rights Act. You did and so did the Chairman.
3	But you know, you're advocating, I believe, that
4	no matter what we should be having sub-districts,
5	but we still need to look at the one voter/one
6	vote, which I mean, the Constitution trumps
7	whatever they want to bring up in a Voting Rights
8	Act.
9	But are you advocating that we would
10	have sub-districts that would be not equal in
11	numbers just because I mean, we're talking
12	6000 versus 10,000. That's not constitutional
13	the way I understand it. And in the case of
14	Spirit Lake, it would be even farther off.
15	So what are you advocating here?
16	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Yeah. Thank you for
17	the question, Representative Monson.
18	You're right. I think one person/one
19	vote is, of course, the top criteria that you
20	look at when thinking about redistricting. And I
21	don't think we're advocating to deviate from, you
22	know, certainly not more than 10 percent in
23	looking at the districts.
24	And what we can do is work with, you
25	know, Standing Rock and Spirit Lake to develop



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1	some maps that they may prefer and provide those
2	to the Committee. But I do think they certainly
3	wouldn't deviate more than 10 percent, and they
4	would be much more equitable in terms of looking
5	at sub-districts that are around, I think, 8288
6	people within each sub-district.
7	So that's certainly not something we're
8	looking to abdicate the Constitution. I think,
9	you know, as communities that have shared
10	interests, that have shared valued, you know,
11	advocating for representation at the more local
12	level is what they're looking at.
13	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I know there's a
14	couple more questions, but I did want to you
15	know, I think it was Ms. Brown that brought up
16	the meetings. But we had a state Tribal
17	Relations Committee, which is leadership to the
18	legislature. We met with the Spirit Lake Nation
19	on September 1st, and Ms. Brown was there. So I
20	mean, there has been input before this. There
21	was input at that meeting as well.
22	And you know, we're kind of dealing with
23	the hand we were dealt. We were expecting
24	population figures in March, early April. We got
25	them in the middle of August. So there was



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1	really, you know, nowhere to go at that point.
2	But we are trying everything we can to reach out
3	to the tribes, and like I said, they were on the
4	Spirit Lake Nation and had that meeting. And
5	then we still wanted to follow up with another
6	meeting. So that's what we're here today.
7	Representative Headland.
8	REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: Thank you, Mr.
9	Chairman.
10	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you.
11	REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: You know, back
12	to the question that was referred to you by the
13	prior speaker and knowing that when you
14	subdivide, you lose the opportunity to vote for
15	two representatives. You will only be allowed to
16	vote for one. If the sub-district would still
17	constitute a minority for the reservation
18	population, does it still make sense in your mind
19	to subdivide that district? And I think that's
20	the question that she referred to you. Do you
21	still advocate for subdividing that district?
22	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Well, I think the
23	question she had may have been more specific to
24	the numbers. But I do think that it is
25	beneficial to have sub-districts because when
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1	you're thinking about communities at a local
2	level, having a greater opportunity to elect
3	representatives of your choice from your area is
4	much improved when you have sub-districts,
5	whether it's you know, we're talking about
6	reservations or other rural areas across the
7	state. Having sub-districts can be beneficial to
8	those local areas. And so I do think when you're
9	looking at that and when communities come
10	together and are advocating for their interest
11	and asking for subdistricts, it's certainly
12	something that is beneficial to them because you
13	would have representatives that are more
14	responsive to their needs when they're only
15	worried about votes from their areas.
16	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You may continue.
17	REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: Thank you,
18	Mr. Chairman.
19	So if I understand you correctly, you
20	believe it's advantageous and more beneficial to
21	only have the opportunity to vote and be
22	responsive from one representative versus being
23	represented and having the opportunity to vote
24	for two representatives? You think it's more
25	beneficial just to vote for one?



1	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: I can't
2	(Cross talk)
3	I appreciate your question,
4	Representative Headland. I, obviously, can't
5	speak for the entire state. I can't speak for
6	all the tribal nations. What I've heard from the
7	Spirit Lake Nation today and the Standing Rock
8	Sioux Tribe is that they, specifically, are
9	interested in having single-member districts, and
10	they believe it would be beneficial to their
11	communities.
12	And so I think that's what we're seeking
13	and what we're talking about.
14	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Poolman.
15	SENATOR POOLMAN: Thank you,
16	Mr. Chairman.
17	Mr. Campbell, you keep using the word
18	"equitable." And so as I think about Chairman
19	Faith's request that they have their own sub-
20	district, even though they only have 37 percent
21	of what would be necessary of that district, is
22	that really the request here that we're not
23	looking for equal representation, but we're
24	looking for equitable representation? Because as
25	we know, that's two different things.



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1	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: And maybe you could
2	just clarify the question a little bit. Maybe
3	I'm not understanding. I can be dense. So I
4	apologize for that.
5	SENATOR POOLMAN: Mr. Chairman and
6	Mr. Campbell, you keep using the word
7	"equitable," which doesn't mean equal, right.
8	And so I'm just wanting to clarify that the
9	request of your organization and most likely
10	Chairman Faith is that we're setting up equitable
11	districts not equal ones.
12	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Thank you, Senator
13	Poolman. I think what we're requesting is that
14	they're you know, what Standing Rock has
15	requested is that their district be divided into
16	sub-districts. And they believe that it gives
17	them a better opportunity to have representation
18	that better represents them. And so I think
19	that's what we're talking about.
20	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Was there any further
21	questions for Matt?
22	Again, thank you very much for being
23	here. We appreciate it.
24	MR. MATT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
25	Mr. Chairman.



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1	MS. DONAGHI: Good morning, Committee.
2	Good morning, Chairman Delvin Devlin, sorry,
3	and members of the Redistricting Committee. My
4	name is Nichole Donaghi (phonetic). I am a
5	citizen of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. I'm
6	also a descendant of the Turtle Mountain Band of
7	Chippewa and also a descendant on my grandpa's
8	side from the Manda (indiscernible) and people.
9	I live in Lincoln, North Dakota, and I'm
10	the executive director for North Dakota Native
11	Vote. And I understand you heard a lot about me
12	at the last hearing.
13	North Dakota Native Vote is a nonprofit
14	nonpartisan grassroots organization that
15	initially formed in response to the 2018 U.S.
16	Supreme Court decision to uphold the voter
17	identification law that had the potential to
18	disproportionately adversely affect over 5000
19	Native American voters in North Dakota. Our
20	mission is to create and effect policy to promote
21	equitable representation for the Native people in
22	North Dakota.
23	I joined North Dakota Native Vote in
24	2018 because of the imbalance of power in our
25	state that was very apparent to me after being a



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community organizer for years. I work on education issues, protection of land and water, and now civic engagement.

I soon realized that the issues I was
working on often stemmed from a lack of inclusion
and representation in the decision-making
processes.

8 In North Dakota the Native American 9 population grew by 29.7 percent in the last 10 decade. It is North Dakota Native vote's ask 11 that the Committee take into consideration the 12 per perspectives of each of the tribes as well as 13 tribal members in the redistricting process, and 14 that is two different things. I'd like the 15 Committee to understand that we have a tribal 16 nation government, and then we have the tribal 17 citizens.

18 We are asking the Committee to adopt 19 single-member House districts to prevent the 20 dilution of Native American votes. Tribes and 21 tribal members in North Dakota have had to fight 22 for the right to vote, whether by defeating voter 23 ID laws, opposing district lines that dilute the 24 Native American vote, or by demanding on 25 reservation polling locations. And those are



1	things that we all we have advocated in the
2	past as North Dakota Native Vote.
3	As we have seen in our early beginning
4	as an organization, tribal citizens in North
5	Dakota have been overburdened by policy that is
6	created by decision makers with little input from
7	their tribal constituents. At large voting
8	systems like the currently one used for North
9	Dakota State House may violate the Voting Rights
10	Act when they dilute minority voting power by
11	preventing tribal members from electing
12	candidates of their choice.
13	Our state constitution in article 4,
14	subsection 2, paragraph 2, states and I'm
15	paraphrasing, the legislative assembly may
16	provide for the election of senators at large and
17	representatives at large or from sub-districts
18	from those districts.
19	North Dakota Sentry Code 55-301.5 states
20	that in subsection 2 that, "Representatives
21	may be elected at large or from sub-districts."
22	North Dakota law allows for the creation of sub-
23	districts, and that is what should be done.
24	Single-member House districts or sub-districts
25	within districts containing reservations would



1	allow tribal members to elect the candidate of
2	their choice, somebody that is more accessible.
3	And I heard the term "better
4	representation" being thrown out before. We
5	don't consider it better representation. It
6	would be somebody that's more accessible, that
7	knows the communities, that knows the issues, and
8	is in tune with the people that they represent.
9	Candidates are able to run but not get
10	elected because of the dilution of their vote by
11	being grouped in with adjacent communities that
12	do not share similar interests. One example is
13	in my homelands in Sioux County on the Standing
14	Rock Reservation.
15	Data form elections for legislative
16	seats over the past decade indicate that Native
17	American residents of District 31 are not
18	currently able to elect representatives of their
19	choice. For example, in 2014, two Standing Rock
20	tribal members, Mike Faith, Chairman Mike Faith,
21	and LaDonna Allard ran for the State House but
22	were outvoted in the at-large system.
23	In 2010, another Standing Rock tribal
24	member I believe it was Chad Harrison ran
25	for the State House, but was likewise outvoted in



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the at-large system. Chase Aaronize (phonetic), another Standing Rock member and candidate for U.S. House earned 78 percent of the vote in Sioux County but was defeated in each of the other counties in District 31. This shows that the Native American voters have not been able to elect the candidate of their choice.

8 We also recommend that a community of 9 (indiscernible) be adopted by this Committee, 10 which takes into considerations communities that 11 have similar language, culture, an identity to 12 keep those communities together within a single 13 legislative district. And I understand that the 14 community has never split up reservations.

15 Lastly, the Committee should be holding 16 hearings on or near reservations so that tribal 17 members who are unable to travel to Bismarck, who 18 lack internet service, which is an issue on our 19 reservation, are able to participate in the 20 redistricting process. There are high levels of 21 poverty and a lack of access to transportation 22 and broadband internet on our reservations. This 23 Committee would be doing itself and the state a 24 disservice by failing to provide an opportunity 25 for all the state citizens to take part in this



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1	important discussion. All voices must be heard.
2	North Dakota Native Vote was founded to
3	ensure that inclusion of Native voices in the
4	political discourse of our state. We support and
5	encourage our native people to engage in the
6	political process that is not always inclusive of
7	our people.
8	I thank you Redistricting Committee for
9	your time today and will stand for any questions.
10	Thank you.
11	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.
12	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Yes, ma'am. Thank
13	you very much for your testimony, first of all.
14	Secondly, this I'm up here.
15	MS. DONAGHI: Yeah.
16	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: First of all, this
17	Committee is very sensitive to our duties under
18	the Voting Rights Act. We know that. We get
19	that. There are things we have to do, and there
20	are things we can do. And we certainly will take
21	care of the half to do, I believe, but there are
22	also, within that particular legislation, there
23	are certain thresholds; and I don't have them in
24	front of me. I mean, if you have a district that
25	has 50 percent if you subdivided a district



and the Native population was 50 percent, that's pretty easy to argue. When you get down to 23 percent, that's less arguable. So in other words, we know what -- I believe what we should do, but there are also those thresholds that we also have to consider.

7 MS. DONAGHI: Thank you, Senator Holmberg. I would also like to refer back to 8 9 Matthew Campbell from NARF when he stated that 10 we're not asking for a deviation from the 11 criteria, you know. We would like you to 12 consider where it is doable, especially coming 13 from Standing Rock. I grew up in Standing Rock, 14 you know. My father was involved in the 15 political process, you know. He never ran for 16 office, but I think that was something that was 17 -- that he would have liked to do.

18 Our people are not prevented from running for office. We just can't get elected, 19 20 and we do have -- we do have names of people over 21 the last decade at least. This past election, 22 Lisa DeBill (phonetic) in Fort Berthold ran for 23 Senate. Tomasina Mandan (phonetic) ran for House 24 this past election and was not able to get 25 elected. So there are cases that we see that our



1 people want to engage in the process but are 2 unable to. 3 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: What happens, 4 ma'am -- and this is a hypothetical. What 5 happens if you have a reservation that has a 6 quarter of the population, and they would like to 7 elect someone from that particular reservation, 8 who is of one political party. And one can look 9 up, you know, where the districts are, yet that 10 particular area is surrounded by areas that vote 11 70 percent in another way, shall we say, 12 politically. What do you think? 13 MS. DONAGHI: Well, I mean I --14 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Makes it tough. 15 MS. DONAGHI: That does make it tough. 16 I do agree, Senator Holmberg. I do think that is 17 something that has been thought about, and we 18 don't have an answer to at this point. 19 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Yeah. We don't 20 have an answer either. 21 MS. DONAGHI: I understand. 22 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Sorvaag. 23 SENATOR SORVAAG: Mr. Chairman. 24 Expanding a little, my question was: we 25 had an earlier speaker who said that he's a



1	centrist. That he doesn't really agree with what
2	Republicans do, and it should be about Democrats
3	present the data.
4	You said in your opening, you're
5	nonpartisan. So do you agree with this statement
6	or disagree? Is it about backing a certain
7	party, or are you truly nonpartisan; and it's
8	about just getting representation for the
9	members?
10	MS. DONAGHI: Senator Sorvaag, Chairman
11	Devlin. I thank you for that question.
12	Personally, I'm a moderate, you know. I don't
13	align with any political party. We all know that
14	the Native American population does lean toward
15	the left. We do support Native American
16	candidates, and so our organization is a
17	501(c)(4) organization. We do have the ability
18	to endorse represent our people that are
19	running for office. And we do support any Native
20	American as running for any office at any level.
21	And so Lisa Dabill was one of our candidates that
22	ran up in Fort Berthold, and we did support her.
23	SENATOR SORVAAG: Mr. Chairman, may I
24	continue?
25	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You may continue.

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1	SENATOR SORVAAG: So you're for any
2	Native American, no matter what party they would
3	represent; you would support?
4	MS. DONAGHI: I would. We've sent
5	questionnaires this last election to all of the
6	candidates in the areas that we work in, that we
7	focus on. Our priority is reservation areas.
8	SENATOR SORVAAG: Thank you.
9	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Monson
10	had another question.
11	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Thank you, Mr.
12	Chairman.
13	And, ma'am, I'm not sure I got your name
14	exactly, Bonabi; is that it?
15	MS. DONAGHI: Donaghi.
16	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: You brought up
17	the lack of computer access to get input at the
18	meetings here and that they should be held
19	actually on the reservation.
20	Are you aware that every school and
21	every courthouse in the whole state has access to
22	computers, which people that I'm sure at those
23	locations would allow for folks on the
24	reservations to give input at these meetings,
25	just as I am doing from my home right now because



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1	I'm a farmer, and I'm hoping to get some
2	combining done this afternoon. But there are
3	local access places where people on the
4	reservation can go, and I'm sure they would not
5	be turned down to get access to this. So I think
6	if you're not aware of it, you should become
7	aware of it, and the tribal leaders should be
8	reaching out in that regard.

9 MS. DONAGHI: Representative Monson, 10 thank you for that. I am aware that there is 11 public access to Wi-Fi systems at the 12 courthouses, the colleges on our reservations. 13 Those are only accessible during working hours, 14 and I know this because when we were working the 15 2018 election, we were outside of the Sioux 16 County Courthouse, which shuts their Wi-Fi off at 17 4 o'clock.

And so there's limited access. I would 18 19 also take into account the risk of contracting or 20 spreading COVID-19. Those offices usually do not 21 allow people in their office unless they have an 22 appointment because of the pandemic. Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Nathe. 24 Thank you, REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: 25 Mr. Chairman.



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1 Thanks for coming today. So I think 2 there's some assumptions in some of the 3 discussion that, well, we haven't been able to 4 elect the people that we want who are on our side 5 of the aisle. And the assumption, at least I'm 6 getting -- correct me if I'm wrong -- is that 7 everybody -- all enrolled members are going to 8 vote for that Democrat.

I mean, there's been Republican enrolled 9 10 members in Standing Rock, Charlie Murphy and 11 others who have ran and lost. So wouldn't you 12 agree that even though some of your favorable 13 candidates, the members, also voted for the 14 Republicans and not them also. So it's not 100 15 percent voted for the Democrat, and they lost; 16 and they're upset? Would you agree that some of 17 the enrolled members also supported Republican 18 Democrats -- I mean, Republican candidates? 19 MS. DONAGHI: I think I was in high 20 school when Charlie Murphy ran, so I really 21 wouldn't recall that. 22 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: That was --23 MS. DONAGHI: Yes. So that may be the 24 case. I couldn't speculate. 25 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: But I think the

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1	assumption I mean, just from the discussions
2	that everybody on the reservation will vote
3	Democrat, and it's not. And I think a lot of
4	them do, as one of the previous speakers says,
5	hey, we agree on more things than you realize.
6	So my impression you can correct me
7	is that there is a number of people on all the
8	reservations that will vote for a Republican
9	candidate. Just the opposite, there is a Native
10	American with Buffalo who won in Fargo.
11	MS. DONAGHI: Uh-huh (affirmative).
12	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Not on the
13	reservation, and they voted her in along with her
14	Republican seatmate. So it goes both ways.
15	MS. DONAGHI: I do agree with that,
16	Representative Nathe. So I think that is
17	something that is, you know, calls for
18	speculation. Yes. That could be the assumption.
19	But, you know, having the choice whether they run
20	as a Republican or a Democrat, you know, at least
21	we would have the choice of somebody that knows
22	the community is what we're talking about. And
23	it's not it doesn't come down to, you know,
24	for lack of better word, a temper tantrum of not
25	being able to elect people we want. It comes



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1 down to having the access to elect somebody or 2 the ability to elect somebody that comes from our 3 community. 4 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: But you had that 5 access with Charlie Murphy when he ran, and yet б he lost. 7 MS. DONAGHI: He did lose. He did lose. 8 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: He was 9 Republican. 10 MS. DONAGHI: He was Republican. And I 11 think that if we look back at the data, we could 12 see, you know, which communities did vote for 13 him. 14 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: But they do have 15 the opportunity -- on either side of the aisle, 16 they do have the opportunity to put their name on 17 a ballot to run. So nothing that we do right now 18 is stopping any of that, correct? 19 MS. DONAGHI: Thank you. Yes. Nothing 20 is stopping that. It's just getting people 21 elected is the issue. 22 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Any further questions? 24 Who am I listening to? 25 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Representative



1 Monson. 2 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Oh, Representative 3 Monson. I'm sorry. 4 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: I would like to 5 point out that it has been a number of years now, 6 but there was a Republican Native American in the 7 House that I served with for several sessions, 8 Dawn Charging from District 4. 9 I mean, she was quite effective too as a 10 representative. So I mean, it's both sides of 11 the aisle. It's been a while, but it's possible. 12 MS. DONAGHI: Thank you for that. I do 13 believe as well that it is possible, whether 14 they're Republican or Democrat, you know. We 15 should be crossing that aisle more often as 16 people rather than thinking along party lines. 17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Anyone else? 18 Thank you for being here. 19 MS. DONAGHI: Thank you for your time. 20 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I apologize. Nicole, 21 did you have written testimony? We would have a 22 copy for our record. We would appreciate that. 23 (Pause) 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I do believe that 25 concludes our testimony and conversations with



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tribal leadership. So I do, once again, thank 1 2 you for the opportunity to continue those 3 conversations that we also begin with the Tribal 4 State Relations Committee, and MHA, Turtle 5 Mountain, and in Spirit Lake the last few weeks. 6 One thing to just keep in mind, you 7 know, I think that just to really drive home -8 Mr. Walker had said, you know, this shouldn't be 9 a matter of party as he said. It should be maybe 10 an independent. 11 We do know that Representative Nathe 12 made a good point that, you know, there is 13 Republican and there is Democrat representative 14 on each side. And I think just moving forward, 15 you know, as we continue to build those tribal 16 state relations that we have, I think, done so in 17 leaps and bounds in the last several years. I 18 will speak that from a tribal perspective as well 19 as now being a state representative, as I come 20 from a position of leadership on the tribal side. 21 And I think, you know, we're talking to 22 representation. We're talking equitability, you 23 A lot of times it gets lost in the know. 24 shuffle. It gets lost in the translation, the 25 true meaning of what a tribe is trying to bring



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1	forward. I'm sure Mr. Boschee is very familiar
2	with a comment that was made by Chairman Yankton
3	during our time up in Spirit Lake. We were
4	talking about agreements and partnerships moving
5	forward, and one of the conversations led into
6	improved law enforcement presence within the
7	exterior boundaries of the Spirit Lake Nation.
8	And so Chairman Yankton had very clearly
9	said that historically and I think all tribes
10	can agree with this there has been a severe
11	underrepresentation and communication with the
12	federal government. There has been serious
13	issues with bureaucracy blocking progress and the
14	ability to serve constituents. So Chairman
15	Yankton openly said that, as a chosen leader of
16	his people, he is going to work with the form of
17	government that is going to best serve his
18	people, and that is the State of North Dakota to
19	build partnerships and to move forward.
20	So I think keeping that in mind that
21	tribal nations do have a duality. They are
22	recognized federally, but they have also

- integrated into the state as citizens of the
 state of North Dakota, largely in part to make
- ²⁵ sure that they have access to congressional



1	representation at the federal level.
2	So keeping that in mind moving forward
3	too should be key. And if we're looking for, you
4	know how can I say it recommendations to
5	potentially explore our study moving forward. We
6	talk about equitable representation that was
7	alluded to earlier, you know, true understanding
8	of tribal issues, open lines of communication.
9	I will say this as a tribal leader
10	formerly: there are great champions in his
11	legislature on both sides of the aisle. I will
12	say that, and I've made many great partnerships
13	and friendships through the bienniums that I have
14	served.
15	But if you look at one example may
16	able to explore in the future is what happens in
17	Maine. So each tribal nation is allowed a
18	representation within the legislator of the state
19	of Maine, and that is within their constitution
20	that was passed into their code. And how it
21	works is there are four tribes, and I do believe
22	they are called, collectively, the Wabanaki
23	people of Dawnland.
24	So each tribe does have representation
25	within the state legislator, specifically to



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1	their tribe. They do have all these same
2	incentives. They can sponsor, co-sponsor. They
3	can speak on the floor, so they are equal
4	partners in the way they conduct business. So I
5	think maybe moving forward, one thing to explore
6	would be maybe the composition that the State of
7	Maine uses in regards to tribal partnerships and
8	state representation.
9	And just with that, once again, I would
10	like to thank you for your time today, and I will
11	stand for any questions. If not, I will gladly
12	take my leave.
13	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Any questions for
14	Commissioner Davis?
15	Seeing none, thank you.
16	COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.
17	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you for helping
18	to facilitate this. We appreciate it.
19	Was there anybody else from one of the
20	tribes to speak today?
21	Senator Oban has something she would
22	like to show the Committee at this time. I think
23	it's related.
24	SENATOR OBAN: It is, Mr. Chairman.
25	So the former math teacher in me can't

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1	help but sit here and figure out how can we
2	remove because I think all of us sitting here
3	get a little bit tied up in the is this about
4	Republican versus Democrat? Is this about you
5	can't win, and you're throwing a fit, whatever?
6	So all I did was pull together the
7	election results from 2018 in District 31 as an
8	example of what subdivided districts might do.
9	So along the top and I took away the names of
10	the candidates, so we aren't distracted by that.
11	The person running for position A won District 31
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13	I don't know if you can make that
14	bigger, Emily, for everybody
15	with 59 percent of the vote. In the
16	second, a different position race, they won 65
17	percent of the vote. In the next position, they
18	won 65 percent of the vote. This is all in
19	District 31.
20	You can see current District 31 is made
21	up of parts of Morton, and then Hettinger, Grant,
22	and Sioux.
23	So let's, for example, since we were all
24	distracted by Chairman Faith's suggestion of just
25	doing Sioux and Grant together. Let's add



Hettinger in there as well because we get closer 1 2 to half then. 3 Now given this is not total population. 4 This is the number of people who voted because 5 that's what I had easy access to. You can see if 6 Sioux, Grant, and Hettinger were a subdivided 7 district, position A election winner would have 8 actually gotten 49 percent of the vote in that 9 sub-district. But the other two elections 10 winners would have still won. 11 If you can't see how Sioux County's vote 12 is diluted by having this all be at-large, then 13 I'm not confident you understand numbers 14 generally. That is what the concept is. If you 15 take away partisanship, if you take away, you 16 know, the fact that our friends are serving, and 17 they might feel like the folks on Standing Rock 18 are being critical of our current friends, if you 19 take away all of that, you can still see that in 20 two of the three races, the person who won the 21 entire district, still won that sub-district. It 22 did change the outcome in one. 23 So that was just what I wanted to show 24 in numbers, and this was, you know, three races 25 in one year in one district. So just for



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1	purposes of trying to get a better understanding
2	of how that changes things. It doesn't always
3	change the results, but it certainly dilutes the
4	vote of Sioux County.
5	That's it, Mr. Chairman.
6	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you.
7	Were there any questions?
8	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Yes,
9	Mr. Chairman. Representative Monson.
10	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Monson.
11	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Thank you,
12	Mr. Chairman.
13	And thank you for that very, very
14	interesting statistics.
15	Sioux, Grant and Hettinger still don't
16	come up to 40 percent when we start looking at
17	our expanded population overall in the state, you
18	know. So if you were to take even a sliver of
19	Morton County, probably all of the representation
20	would be the same, and we have to work within the
21	boundaries of our census. And the fact that
22	we've got to add an extra 3000 people per
23	district, that's going to skew that some. Are
24	you aware of that?
25	SENATOR OBAN: Representative Monson, I
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1	made aloon that this use not such beard on
	made clear that this was not even based on
2	population. This is what numbers is had easy
3	access too, and it isn't even based on the most
4	recent census. It was just trying to show that
5	at least it gives them the opportunity to elect
6	the candidate of their choice. It doesn't mean
7	that candidate always wins. In fact, in two of
8	the three races, they still got 56 and 57 percent
9	of the vote.
10	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: I'm thankful that
11	you brought this up. I'm actually surprised that
12	it was that at these numbers, but thank you
13	for that. It's very interesting.
14	SENATOR OBAN: Yep.
15	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Was there a question
16	for Senator Oban? I didn't see any other ones.
17	Committee, I think I greatly
18	appreciate the representatives from all the
19	tribes being here. We thank you. And,
20	Commissioner Davis, again, I thank you for
21	helping to facilitate this. I hope that members
22	of the tribes give the legislative committee
23	involving leadership, Tribal Relations Committee
24	hasn't been to a certain nation yet or
25	reservation. I hope that there's good



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1	representation there. I looked at the numbers of
2	the people that were at the one at Spirit Lake.
3	I mean, it wasn't a big turnout, but certainly
4	the opportunity was there. So I hope you'll
5	Committee, we're going to break for an
6	hour for noon. It's a little early, but that
7	would be easier, I think, than trying to start
8	something else at 20 too. So see you back
9	roughly at 20 to 1:00, quarter to 1:00, quarter
10	to 1:00 exactly.
11	(Recess taken)
12	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: We'll call the
13	Committee back to order. I believe we're going
14	to take some time now and look at some different
15	concepts.
16	Representative Lefor are you ready with
17	yours first?
18	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: I am.
19	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. Representative
20	Lefor is presenting a concept developed there in
21	Districts 39, 37, 36, and a new district, I
22	believe.
23	(Pause)
24	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Good afternoon,
25	Chair Devlin, members of the Redistricting



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1	Committee. For the record, my name is Mike
2	Lefor, and I serve in the House from District 37.
3	As we all know, redistricting is an
4	interesting experience, to say the least. I
5	think that, led by this Chairman, that this
6	Committee has been working very hard to be
7	transparent, open, and fair throughout this
8	process. And we have unique challenges in
9	different parts of the state.
10	As I have stated twice publicly, as have
11	other members of the Committee, we have a short
12	window of opportunity to discuss this subject due
13	to getting the census numbers later than normal,
14	which increases the challenges associated with
15	serving on this Committee.
16	We truly seek public input in this
17	process and, again, would urge you to contact
18	members of this Committee if you have to voice
19	any ideas or concerns. In directing this
20	conversation to southwest North Dakota, I wanted
21	to start with what our Committee vice chair
22	stated at a previous meeting, "This is not rocket
23	science. This is simply arithmetic." And that's
24	exactly what we've done here.
25	With that, I will give the Committee the



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arithmetic. In existing boundaries of this area 1 2 is a population of nearly -- just over 61,000 3 people, which at the target rate of 16,576 people 4 per district would give us three full districts 5 for a total of 49,728, which would leave 12,000 6 individuals without a district. 7 So in order to form a fourth district, 8 you simply lower the populations of some 9 districts and add individuals to the new 10 district. I will start with District 39. And if 11 you take a look at the handout, you will note 12 that what was done there was to take the portions 13 of McKenzie and Dunn Counties, which are not, 14 excuse me, on the reservation and took a little 15 portion of Mercer County to the west. 16 And again, that was arithmetic. So if 17 you look at what's been done here, the population 18 would be 15,829. 19 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Mr. Chairman, 20 can I get you to have Emily turn on the sound for 21 teams members? 22 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Sorry. We will get 23 that right on. 24 Okay. We're with you now. 25 REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Start over?



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1	Okay. No. Okay. So with even adding that
2	portion of Mercer County puts us at -4.51 percent
3	in population. Moving on to District 37,
4	Dickinson has 25,700 some people. And so
5	District 37 is contained within the city limits
6	of the city of Dickinson, although in a more
7	compressed way. And I am shedding some
8	population in north Dickinson.
9	I believe, if my memory serves me, it's
10	21stStreet, and then you'll see a little jog up
11	on Highway 22 and over. And the reason for that,
12	again, is population. So when you look at the
13	boundaries I'm looking at 18th Avenue East
14	and then in some areas it does come out because
15	that's where the city comes out.
16	And if you look at some of those census
17	blocks, that open area in the is a census
18	block that would extend with too much population
19	for what I'm trying to accomplish with other
20	districts.
21	Next, in District 36, due to the tight
22	the tight boundary restrictions, because
23	what I we had to do is twofold. Again, add
24	4000 people to a new district for a new districts
25	and compress the 36, 37, and 39 populations.



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With District 36, you will see that Counsel has it at a -0.95 percent. Mine indicated -3.25. So I'm going to -- and so we -this was -- the information I have is from last week. Obviously, very preliminary, there's some other work that -- that I think we need to take a look at.

8 Counsel did update this to make sure all 9 the boundaries are correct and so forth, but 10 again, before I would submit this as an, you 11 know, official proposal, there's some more work 12 that needs to be done in my mind in District 36, 13 in District Y, to take a look at other potential 14 options.

But basically, District 36 -- and understanding the need for population in District Y, and really with not any many directions to go other than east, I moved District 36 -- or we did in this rendering to and including the city of New Salem. And even with that, you still have under the ideal size district.

And so then with District Y, which is what I call this proposed new district, we have five -- excuse me, yes, five counties: Bowman, Adams, Slope, Golden Valley, Billings, that have



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a total population of 8500. So we had to find
7000 more people, and you'll find that in
utilizing parts of Dunn that were not utilized
for District 39, a big chunk of western Stark
County and also a portion of Hettinger County to
get to the population that was needed.

7 So obviously, in this sector, you don't 8 have many options as you obviously can't go west, 9 you cannot go south, and there are -- you know, 10 you're budding up against other districts as 11 well. So I see -- there's been a tremendous 12 amount of time that's been spent on this.

I wanted to give a special shout out to Wanted to give a special shout out to Samantha Cramer, Clair Ness, Emily Thompson, and Carl Kuzman [phonetic]. Without their expertise, this process would have been made much more difficult.

18 And so, again, when we looked at this, 19 we had to compress some population in order --20 and move to the -- mark further east than we were 21 before because of the limitations that we were 22 faced with, and for me this is still a 23 preliminary look at this part of the state. 24 There's still some things that I want to take a 25 further look at in District Y and District 36.



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1	So it's a plan in progress, and I would
2	reiterate that if there is anyone, again, that
3	would like to talk about this part of the state
4	or anything else, to please give me a call. And
5	I'd be happy to discuss why those districts were
6	laid out in the fashion that they were. And if
7	there are other ideas out there, I certainly want
8	to hear those.
9	So that is and Representative Nathe
10	will be talking about Districts 31 and 33. And
11	with that, I would stand for any questions you
12	would have.
13	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Mr. Chairman.
14	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.
15	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Is Mandan going to
16	be someone else's purview because I didn't notice
17	a Mandan map here.
18	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Representative
19	Nathe.
20	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Oh, okay.
21	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Or Senator
22	Poolman.
23	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Okay.
24	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: And Senator Oban.
25	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: And then the



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1	one of the questions always comes up is that
2	fishhook on the north side in 31, that I can't
3	see it, but I'm assuming that's still there.
4	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Are you you're
5	referring to District 31?
6	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: 31, yeah.
7	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Okay. That
8	Representative Nathe will be discussing.
9	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Okay.
10	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl.
11	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Good day,
12	Mr. Chairman.
13	And thanks for all the work here,
14	Representative Lefor. I can see it's been a lot
15	of work because I've looked at this as well.
16	The only concern I have with the map, I
17	think things out west really fit together pretty
18	well. But my concern is in District 33. You've
19	kept the reservation intact. If we are going to
20	keep District 4 similar to its current existing
21	boundaries, taking that section of Dunn County
22	that's south of the reservation, I think that's
23	fine. But it's about 1100 people that you're
24	moving from District 4 into that District with
25	39, I guess you tally it now.



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1	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: You oh, you're
2	referring to 39?
3	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Yeah. Yeah.
4	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Okay.
5	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: So this is the
6	whole of 39 and 33 are impacting District 4.
7	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Okay.
8	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Okay. And so
9	just so you know, District 4 at its current
10	boundaries, the reservation is about 8300
11	population. The full District 4 is a little
12	about 16,700. So it's essentially a perfect
13	district the way that it is right now.
14	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Okay. Maybe we
15	can meet on this Senator.
16	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: So, yeah so
17	you're carving into it.
18	And my point is if we if we were to
19	sub-district the reservation, the area of Dunn
20	County south to the reservation that you take
21	into District 39 makes perfect sense because it
22	would no longer be contiguous with the other sub-
23	districts. You couldn't get around the
24	reservation and have that contiguous sub
25	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: I understand



1 that. Yes. 2 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: That makes sense, 3 but then there has to be some changes moving 4 eastward or northward for District 4 to get back 5 those numbers, and you've taken some out here. 6 So if we can meet individually, that's fine. 7 REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: I'd be happy to. 8 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: I just want to bring 9 it up as everything looks good here, except I 10 think you're making some impacts on District 4, 11 which is already a perfect district that we have 12 to discuss as a Committee. 13 REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: Sounds good. 14 Thank you. 15 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative 16 Schauer. 17 REPRESENTATIVE SCHAUER: Thank you, 18 Mr. Chairman. 19 Representative Lefor, what was the 20 biggest issue that you had with District 36? 21 REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: I would say that 22 moving some people that were currently in 23 District 36 to District Y. And when I looked at 24 the math, looked at the geography, if you were to 25 take more and leave District 36 in the fashion



1	that it is currently, I don't know how you make
2	the math work.
3	I've looked at it a few different times.
4	I intend to continue to look at that, but I would
5	say that some of the people from that area would
б	like to remain in that district. And that's why
7	I'm saying if there's other ideas or thoughts out
8	there or potential mockups they would like us to
9	look at, I would love to do that.
10	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Oban.
11	SENATOR OBAN: Mr. Chairman and
12	Representative Lefor, was there any consideration
13	and I realize once you do something, it
14	changes everything else. But Stark County itself
15	divides perfectly almost into two districts.
16	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: It does.
17	SENATOR OBAN: And then, in one of your
18	districts you're encompassing parts of three
19	counties. And so that's where I'm always like
20	I am as I'm doing this, I'm wondering what my
21	fellow colleagues on this Committee are doing.
22	And it seems to go back and forth depending on
23	where you are.
24	If you are prioritizing current
25	legislative lines, if you are prioritizing



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1	current county lines. And I'm finding it
2	difficult for how we're going to eventually come
3	together. So I'm asking if there was any
4	consideration given to making Stark just two
5	districts.
6	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: That was my
7	initial inclination. However, if you do that,
8	then you are making what would be District Y go
9	further south and which would be budding up
10	against District 31. And so we looked at that,
11	and that would have been very nice, very easy.
12	But to me, the math doesn't add up.
13	Because even you know, if you look at District
14	37 on the latest rendering is a is 4.84
15	percent under. I've got District 39 4.5 percent
16	under. District 36, Counsel has it 0.95. I had
17	it at -3.25, so I'm going to have to research
18	what the differences there. In District Y, -2.
19	So I mean, could it be done? We had difficulty
20	making that happen.
21	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Further questions?
22	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Mr. Chairman,
23	Representative Monson.
24	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Monson.
25	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Thank you,



1 Mr. Chairman. 2 So, Representative Lefor, I'm seeing 3 that you added a District Y, correct? 4 REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: That's correct. 5 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: And if I recall 6 from our last meeting, to the north of what 7 you've been working on in Williams and Divide and those counties, they also would be adding a new 8 9 district, correct? 10 REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: That's correct. 11 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: And if I recall, 12 Cass County, are they adding a new district as 13 well? 14 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Yeah. 15 REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: I'm seeing 16 nodding head that -- that it's yes. 17 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: So there's 3 new 18 districts, and the math tells us that we have --19 if we're going to do 47 districts, that means a 20 couple of other ones are going to go away. and 21 I've -- I'm just wondering what's happening in 22 the middle. And this isn't a question for you 23 necessarily, but we have to look at the big 24 picture as Senator Oban just stated. 25 And I'm wondering what happens when we

fill in the middle part, and we need to have 47 1 2 districts in the end. We've added 3. That means we got to take away 3, and this is just something 3 4 for us all to think about before we get all the 5 edges done and we get to the middle and we got 6 not enough people or not enough districts, 7 whatever. 8 **REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR:** Representative 9 Monson, I would agree with that statement. Each 10 one of us has basically taken a portion of the 11 state, and I had a conversation with other 12 legislators that are bordering what I'm doing and 13 working to make those mesh. 14 You heard that Senator Bekkedahl and I 15 will be meeting on District 39/District 4, and we 16 do need to have those discussions. However, it 17 does come down to population. The simple fact of 18 the matter is the existing boundaries of the --19 the boundaries of existing district areas is 20 61,000 people. 21 So that's why I did what I did, because 22 you would -- you'd still have 12,000 people too 23 many after you have three full districts. So at 24 the end of the day, you're going to have to have 25 a partial new district even if you move things



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1 further east. And so I thought by adding that 2 district, you're making the challenge less than 3 if you didn't add a fourth district -- I mean a 4 new district. And that's what the number showed 5 to me. 6 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg? 7 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Representative 8 Monson, I think that as other plans and other concepts come forth, you will see that there are 9 10 other areas that are under populated where a 11 legislative district may disappear, including in 12 our area, just not to make you scared or 13 anything. 14 But -- so some of it's going to fit 15 together, and then it'd be interesting to see 16 what some of these other plans have. But there 17 clearly is a lack of population for the number of 18 districts in the north east. And, at least, in 19 one of the proposals that will come forth, you 20 will see where a district does, shall we say, 21 ascend away from the map. 22 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Any -- anyone else for 23 Representative Lefor? 24 Representative Nathe, are you next or 25 Senator Poolman? Okay. I'm guessing



1 Representative Nathe is. 2 (Pause) 3 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Are we ready, 4 Mr. Chairman? 5 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I am ready. Thank 6 you. 7 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: All right. Thank 8 you, Mr. Chairman, members of Committee. For the 9 record, Representative Mike Nathe, District 30, 10 Bismarck. 11 I'm going to speak today about the five 12 districts in Bismarck. I'll speak to District 8. 13 And then I will show you District 33, how we worked 14 and how that meshes in and into Representative 15 Lefor's plan. 16 We also covered Mandan, which is 31 and 34, 17 and how that works again and what that Representative 18 Lefor just talked about. So on behalf of myself and 19 Nicole and Aaron, I want to say thanks to Sam, 20 Claire, and Emily for all the help they've been doing 21 with this. The two Senators and I have been talking, 22 and we've been working on this a bit. 23 And again, Mr. Chairman and members of the 24 Committee, this is just a general overview of the 25 plan right now. Some of this has changed a little



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bit since this has been imprinted, but just a little 1 2 bit on the edges, nothing majorly. But when we have 3 a final plan, we'll see it. 4 So with that, Mr. Chairman, if it's okay 5 with you, let's go into Bismarck. Our biggest 6 challenge in Bismarck, quite frankly, was District 7. 7 It had experienced a huge amount of growth, one of 8 the biggest districts in the state at the end of the 9 census, almost 6000 people over the limit. 10 The other challenge we had in Bismarck were 11 two districts in the inner-city Bismarck, District 32 12 and District 35, who were deep in the hole with 13 numbers. So we had a dichotomy there, too high and 14 too low, and we had to try to balance that. And 15 that's what we've been trying to work on, and I think 16 you'll see where we're at. 17 So the first thing we did with -- well, 18 let's just go after the elephant in the room here, 19 District 7. So we had to push District 7 numbers out 20 and get them into districts that needed it. So what 21 we did was we pushed part of District 7, gave that to 22 District 8. And as you see, brings it down into 23 Lincoln. Lincoln was part of District 28. 24 Lincoln is roughly about 4500 people, 25 somewhere in that area. So you could see that number



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right there helped us get pretty close to getting out of the hole. So we wrapped -- we took 7's numbers down there and put that into 8. The reason why I put it into 8 is we already have a representative there already in District 8, a couple of miles away from Lincoln.

People around Lincoln identify with Bismarck, identify with Bismarck politics. We have a Bismarck public school in Lincoln. 10 years ago, when some of these areas were pushed into a rural district, we heard a lot of complaining about that, so I was trying to be sensitive to the residents in that general area.

14 So you'll see, we put it in there and went 15 down along 52nd on the west side, and then South 16 Lincoln, and then Lincoln road going to the east. 17 And we'll have Emily show that map, and you can kind 18 of see how far east that goes right there. So I'll 19 talk about District 8 in more detail a little bit 20 later.

But that's what we did with 7 first. 7 was still a little bit over the number, so what we also did is give District 47 some numbers because they were low after what we had did previously. So we gave them to Misty Waters area, which is on the west



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1	side along the river. And you'll see that over
2	there. I think Emily can show you that. So that got
3	District 4 to -14.6 0.16, excuse me.
4	The reason why 47 was so low is they had a
5	piece in 35 which was it wasn't in 35, but it was
6	just south in 94. It was it is currently in 47.
7	We put that block in District 35. And that got
8	District 5 roughly from -4 to $+4.5$, but yet shorted
9	47. So that was the reason why we gave Misty Waters
10	back to 47 to get them within the range 32.
11	UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Where is Misty
12	Waters?
13	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Misty Waters is
14	You want to show them that, Emily, with the
15	pointer? Yeah.
16	District 32 was another one in the inner
17	core of Bismarck that was suffering did not grow.
18	Because let's face it, it's inner-city, and there's
19	not a whole lot of development going on. They needed
20	numbers badly.
21	So District 30, where I reside, we were on
22	the high plus number, so we gave them a piece of
23	District 30, which runs along 26th. Quite frankly,
24	goes from 9th Street north, over towards, 26 past
25	if you're familiar with Bismarck, Richholt and Saxvik



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1 and kind of goes through those streets to help get 32 2 within the range. 3 After doing that, District 30 was a bit 4 low, so what we did is we brought -- in the lower 5 part of District 30, you'll see there. We grabbed 6 everything south of Lincoln Road there, which is 7 known as Copper Ridge and went all the way down to 8 the river. And by doing that, it's a nice clean 9 line, got us some numbers, and we're able to get 10 Bismarck able to get District 30 up to a +1.97. 11 So like I said, there are some things on 12 here that we're still working on, just some of the 13 edges, Mr. Chairman. And we'll talk about that when 14 we get there. But that's where we're at when we made 15 this. 16 If Emily will go to District 8 again so I 17 can finish that off and work our way up. 18 Maybe zoom up there, Emily. Yeah. Yeah. 19 Perfect. And can you show 33, Emily, alongside too? 20 So they can see that. 21 So as she's doing that, Mr. Chairman, with 22 District 8, we brought it up. I did not touch any of 23 the eastern lines that are currently District 8 right 24 So that is -- we left that alone. now. 25 Going up past Winger up on 418th Street



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over the 461st Avenue going west and then north on
4th Avenue north west. So we brought it up there.
And again, because of the numbers from District 7
that we brought in, 8 was way over and that was done
on purpose. So what we did is take the top half of 8
off.

7 And you can see up there, District 6, there 8 was -- 8 got townships, not a whole lot of 9 population, but we put those into 6. And then what 10 we did is currently take Garrison, Underwood, and 11 Coal Harbor which resides in 8 right now, and we put 12 those communities in that area into District 33. And 13 by doing so, we got -- we were able to get District 14 8's numbers down to the 3.33.

15 And again, that's changed a little bit 16 since we tweaked it. But you'll see 33. And we were 17 able to get that number up. Because of the new 18 district in the west side, 33 was then, all of a 19 sudden, low in numbers. So we were able to transfer 20 some of the population from the north west part of 8 21 into 33. And then we were also able to get some 22 numbers into Mandan.

23 So Emily, if you're going to Mandan, and we 24 can address Senator Holmberg's --

25 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Boschee





1	has a question.
2	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Sure.
3	REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Thank you,
4	Mr. Chairman.
5	Representative Nathe, as you talk about
6	adding those communities at the other side of the
7	river to District 33, can you also talk at least
8	specific for people outside to hear I mean, what
9	kind of connectivity happens because of the river.
10	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Yeah. I know
11	exactly.
12	Emily, if you want to go up there.
13	Emily and I talked about that yesterday.
14	So what we did is we worked on taking some more sub-
15	districts up there and worked our way over to Highway
16	83. Because as you know, we have to be contiguous,
17	and we have to have access to do that.
18	So yes, we're on the south side of the lake
19	and then we worked it over till we got to 83 so they
20	will have access to Garrison up in those communities
21	up there. And I think Emily is going to show that.
22	In that general area right there, correct?
23	REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Yeah.
24	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Okay. Any questions
25	on that area?



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REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: So, Emily, if you
 want to get down to Mandan there.



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1	So you can see, Mr. Chairman, again what we
2	tried to do is push the numbers up to from 7 out
3	to 8, load up 8, and then transfer those numbers from
4	8 over to 33. So we're able to move those numbers,
5	kind of bleed those numbers over to get these
6	districts to where we need to be.
7	As we come down in 33, and Senator Holmberg
8	had alluded to it, it kind of fingers into North
9	Mandan. Currently, 33 has
10	If you want to get closer to 94 there,
11	Emily.
12	33 has quite a bit north of 94. It shares
13	it with 31. Again, after what we did up north, it
14	was still low in numbers, so we took some of 31,
15	that's northern 94 and gave that to District 33 to
16	make sure we got those numbers to where they are
17	right now. That make sense?
18	So, Senator Holmberg, do you question about
19	33 coming into Mandan? We looked at different ways
20	to maybe try to get that to a 33. But it just blew
21	those numbers out of the water. And I agree. It
22	kind of it comes around there. It's apparently
23	been around there for a long time. And we tried to
24	work at a couple different ways. It just didn't work
25	out because there are so many people down in that



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1	area. So we just I just thought for the time
2	being, leave it there, and let's see how it works.
3	And then getting into District 31.
4	District 31, again there is they have a number of
5	parts of their district north of 94. And as I
6	said we gave certain parts of that to 33. They still
7	have spots northern 94 that are in their district.
8	And then as you go down across the highway,
9	again 34 was in the hole. We had to get some more
10	population. So we went into the City of Mandan.
11	And if you go deeper into there, Emily.
12	We took some population from District 34.
13	And we took it from the north northwest side,
14	right where you see right where you see the number
15	34 on the screen, we took it from there in that
16	general area, and then we also went down a little bit
17	and took some more in the west side of there and gave
18	that to 31.
19	34 was above the number. 34 had a
20	population to give. So we gave that northwest part
21	of the 34's district and the far west of 34's
22	district to 31 to get them in better shape. As we go
23	west
24	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Question, Mr. Chairman.
25	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I'm sorry. Senator



Bekkedahl. 1 2 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Thank you so much. 3 So, Representative Nathe, the little finger 4 going down on the south end of 34, the 4th Lincoln 5 Road that just butts up against river, there can't be 6 much population there, is there? 7 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Emily, can you zip 8 there? 9 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Is that a voting district or a census block? Is that why it's that 10 11 way? Because --12 **REPRESENTATIVE NATHE:** Senator Bekkedahl, 13 I have to get on my computer and take a look on that. 14 I can answer that question --15 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: I just wondered if 16 there was a logical point north of there to just give 17 that to 31 and not have that figure extension, but 18 just because it looks strange on the map to me. 19 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Okay. Is there 20 anything there, Emily? I mean, is that just -- is 21 this just a matter of a shape we're looking at? 22 MS. THOMPSON: I can check the population 23 really quick. 24 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Okay. 25 MS. THOMPSON: The population of the red

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1	highlighted district you see is only 37 people. But
2	there are some very odd-shaped census blocks in this
3	area. You can see if I click that, turn it back
4	white. That's one census block odd shaped.
5	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: I guess if I could
6	continue, Mr. Chairman, what I was looking at was: is
7	there a logical point where it could be cut off north
8	where you're had it there that so that you don't
9	have that finger going south? My point is, could we
10	take 31 all the way to the river there and not just
11	have that little extension coming down blocking the
12	river? Is that what I'm seeing?
13	MS. THOMPSON: This is as good as our
14	census blocks get for these three individual census
15	blocks. You can see that. Okay. That would be
16	possible. This one?
17	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: No.
18	MS. THOMPSON: Unfortunately, it's no,
19	not contiguous.
20	UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: (Indiscernible)
21	MS. THOMPSON: It will get very small once
22	you hit a larger population area.
23	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: And then, I think
24	you strand part of 34, don't you?
25	MS. THOMPSON: Uh-huh (affirmative).



1 That's 34. Yes. 2 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Okay. Yeah. You can 3 see that where it goes on the right-hand side that --4 up there. that doesn't go away then at any point. 5 right? 6 MS. THOMPSON: You can take that out. 7 SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Okay. That's -- but 8 again. If there's not a logical road or something there to block it off. I understand what you're 9 doing there. I just -- to me, it just made sense to 10 11 go all the way to the river into 31 and not have that 12 little extension. 13 MS. THOMPSON: Not a very pretty break 14 point with the census blocks in this particular area. 15 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: And, Senator 16 Bekkedahl, we'll take a look at that. Okay. 17 So going down that line, so we did not 18 change anything along the river. Anything that goes 19 down to Standing Rock down to the South Dakota border 20 going west on the border, that is all left untouched. 21 You'll see --22 Emily, go up by 94 there. 23 In the blue area there, that was all -- see 24 here. So that's all 31 still. 25 So we went over to the west on that. Those

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1	borders are pretty much the same as you go along.
2	Really, the big difference as we go out west was the
3	far western part of 31. When you get out to
4	Hettinger County, just west of Mot, we added, I
5	believe, three new townships to square that off.
6	There were some wasn't a whole lot of numbers out
7	there just to do that.
8	The northern part of that boundary, I
9	believe Representative Lefor, did we give any of
10	that to the new district and 31 there, the stair
11	steps there?
12	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: We gave a portion of
13	31 to 39.
14	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Yeah. So you kind
15	of see the two stair steps there. We gave some of
16	that to 39 to help them out with their number there.
17	And again, Mr. Chairman, we've tweaked some
18	of this since then. So we'll the numbers will
19	should be a little bit better than what you see right
20	now in front of you. With that, Mr. Chairman, that
21	concludes
22	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Schauer?
23	I'm sorry.
24	MR. SCHAUER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25	Representative Nathe, in light of this



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1	morning's discussion, if we can take a look at
2	District 31 and the Sioux nation. Are you
3	comfortable with those numbers? And are you
4	comfortable that that voting block has not been
5	disrupted for any purposes, including race?
6	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Mr. Chairman,
7	Representative Schauer. I am. I'm very comfortable
8	with it. This is what we basically drew 10 years
9	ago. It worked very well 10 years ago. 31 was
10	represented by two representatives on the other side
11	of the aisle. We left it alone 10 years ago.
12	And really, other than tweaking some of the
13	lines out west or into the north a little bit, we've
14	left pretty much everything else the same in that
15	southeast corner of the down by down by
16	Cannonball in that area, we have not touched any of
17	that at all.
18	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: I believe Representative
19	Monson had a question.
20	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Mr. Chairman, along
21	the same lines as Representative Schauer asked and in
22	light the discussion this morning, you know, I
23	brought up this morning that part of the problem that
24	we're facing is that the state's population has
25	grown, and we have to add 3000 plus people to every
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district. And that further exacerbates the problem 1 2 in 31 if they wanted to have a sub-district. Because 3 you've added more of the city of Mandan out of 4 necessity to get the numbers to match up; is that 5 correct? 6 REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Mr. Chairman, 7 Representative Monson, we have. We had -- the one in 8 the northwest part, I do not believe, is in the city 9 limits. If it is, it's partial. And the one on the 10 west side that we did is in the city limits. But, 11 yes. We have done that. 12 And as you can see when you look at the 13 map, when you go west in 31, it's really hard to get 14 numbers. You got one here, five there, seven there. 15 You could cover a lot of ground and not gain a whole 16 lot of population. So yes. And it's the same method 17 that we use with Bismarck, with District 8 and other 18 -- and we've done around the state. Some of these 19 counties -- districts, excuse me, have to come into 20 the big city to get those numbers, to get them up to 21 where we need them to be. 22 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Anything else for 23 Representative Nathe? Thank you. 24 Senator Poolman, were you going to present 25 or not today?



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1	SENATOR POOLMAN: I think after we see the
2	eastern half of the state, that's when I should go.
3	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg is going
4	to present a little more in the city of Grand Forks;
5	is that correct?
6	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: I guess. I mean, I
7	guess.
8	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Would you prefer that you
9	wait?
10	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: No, no. That's fine.
11	I mean, we've got to skin the skunk. Someone has to.
12	Is there enough copies? These are all the
13	same. right? Okay. This one seems thicker. This
14	one seems thicker than this one. I've got two of
15	them. Okay. That would mean it was thicker. This
16	is the old this would be the one that was
17	presented last week that the Yana was having
18	conniption over. Thank you.
19	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Change plans. I took
20	over.
21	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: There's been a coup of
22	some type here. And I will present some of the
23	concepts we laid out for the eastern part of the
24	state. and then send then I think the Grand Forks
25	thing will be clearer to what was done. So



1	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Right. We'll see.
2	Okay.
3	(Pause)
4	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Another coup.
5	Apparently, the Vice Chairman has now been abducted.
6	So we're no. But thank you for offering.
7	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Sorry about that. I
8	had to tell them that, yes, I had gotten the bulb for
9	the outside light.
10	Okay. Representative Devlin has something
11	called Eastern Proposal 2.
12	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Right. Thank you,
13	Mr. Chairman. And the smaller breakdown of each of
14	these is in the packet. But essentially what we
15	worked on was trying to get something that would work
16	all the way from the Minnesota, South Dakota,
17	Canadian border, all the way to essentially Bismarck
18	or through District 14.
19	So if you look at just the top on District
20	9, Rolette County, of course, doesn't have room for
21	or doesn't have enough population for their own
22	district any longer. So part of Towner and Cavalier
23	County were added to District 9.
24	District 10 now includes part of Cavalier
25	and part of Walsh.



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1 District 20 would run from the Cass County 2 line up through the area of Grand Forks they had 3 before up to just south or north of Minto. So when 4 you do that with district 20, that eliminates 5 District 19. 6 Cass County did not change at all or did 7 It's within their borders as little four not change. 8 things that's marked Dallas down there, that should 9 be in Cass County. That was my mistake. 10 District 29 essentially would pick up 11 Nelson -- under this concept under -- would pick up 12 Nelson, Greq Steel, Foster, and part of Stutsman and 13 the area around Jamestown that rural townships, 14 because 12 needed more people, the rural townships 15 would kind of be split there between 29 and 12. 16 And that area, we just did it by the 17 number. Somebody else would maybe use different 18 townships that was immaterial to us. District 14 is 19 essentially what it is now except Eddy County was 20 added to meet the population. There's part of the 21 Spirit Lake Reservation in Eddy County that has been 22 added to the rest of the reservation, and all of that 23 is now in 15. 24 So 15 would now include the Spirit Lake 25 Reservation, part of Towner County, and all of 15.



And that essentially eliminated District 23. 1 2 There's part of Benson County but none of 3 the reservation is also 14, and that's the way it 4 exists today. Really, the only change in 14 was the 5 addition of Eddy County and taking out that little 6 bit of the reservation because we want it to all be 7 together. 8 Then when you get down to 24. 24, if you 9 take Barnes and Ransom County, they make a perfect 10 district, so that's what was done here. Richland 11 County, we discussed the other day. Richland County 12 is another one that makes perfect district. So that 13 was what was done here. 14 There's a little bit of the reservation 15 from South Dakota done, and right now it's in the 16 bottom of Sargent. It can go into either county 17 there, but we just happen to put in the bottom of 18 Sargent. 19 Then the other counties, Logan, LaMoure, 20 McIntosh, Dickey, and Sargent, without the 21 reservation or with the reservation, would make 22 up 28. And Emmons County would stand alone and 23 go up into, we believe, Burleigh County. 24 Now, let me see if I got the other one

²⁵ here so you can see the difference. I had some



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1	requests that maybe we wouldn't have to put all
2	of 23 into 29. So we have a proposal where we
3	took Steele County out of it.
4	Let me see here, I can do this easy. So
5	if you look you look at the main map it'd
6	probably be a little easier to do it.
7	What this map does is puts a part of
8	LaMoure County back into 29 where it is now. It
9	takes Steele County out of 29, moves it in with
10	Barnes and part of Ransom. And the part showing
11	here, the townships in Cass County should not be
12	there. The Cass County border is whole.
13	So, you know, obviously, the county
14	lines don't stay whole under this, but this does
15	give that part of LaMoure County that was back
16	was in 29 originally back into 29. And Steele
17	County moves south into Barnes. It still Nelson
18	and Griggs, which are new additions to 29.
19	Emmons County is still standalone, and
20	it will go up, I think, I believe into Burleigh
21	County. The colors are the same with kind of
22	the same with Kidder County, but it is not part
23	of 14. It will be part of Burleigh County. So
24	that was where we left it.
25	Everything works, like I said, from
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1 Minnesota through District 14, to Burleigh County 2 based on either one of these maps you want to 3 start from. Or I know that some people are 4 either going to start over, and I'm fine with 5 that. We were charged with laying out a concept, 6 and we have done that, that makes Eastern North 7 Dakota. 8 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: And I believe when 9 you count -- I tried to count fast -- it was like 10 25 counties that are whole. 11 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. 12 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: And last time 13 there was a total of, I think, of 30 counties 14 whole, and we do at least ostensibly genuflect 15 whenever we hear the word county lines being 16 whole, but we don't always genuflect. 17 Representative Boschee. 18 REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Thank you, 19 Mr. Chairman. 20 Chairman Devlin, I was confused at 21 first. My initial question was going to be why 22 are we doing all the way from the South Dakota 23 border near the Canadian border, but now as I look, there is a differentiation between Emmons 24 25 County and Southern Burleigh. So are you just



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1	leaving that up to some place that can be used
2	elsewhere where it needs to be used?
3	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. Because
4	essentially, if you look at this line, you're
5	essentially getting rid of three districts in the
6	eastern part of the state.
7	REPRESENTATIVE BOSCHEE: Yeah.
8	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You're essentially
9	getting rid of 19, because 20 takes all of that
10	area in 19 between there and 10 in the city of
11	Grand Forks. So 19 would be gone.
12	23 would be gone, because the
13	reservation and the other counties that are in 23
14	either went into 15, 19, or under this one, 24;
15	so that would be gone. And 26 would be gone,
16	just because that was part of Richland County
17	originally. So those would be the three.
18	And somebody asked that question
19	earlier, where you would find three districts,
20	and there's going to be three, I'm convinced, in
21	Eastern North Dakota. Because every county
22	around or every county or every district around
23	us needs 3000 people and, you know, as like
24	much as I'd like to take them all from Grand
25	Forks and Fargo, that isn't just realistic.



1 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: You found you 2 might to mention that one of the struggles as we 3 dealt, or as you worked and dealt with Rolette 4 County is finding where do you get the people. 5 If you go to the south, then you'll make a big 6 difference into District 14. You want to stay 7 away from going east, because that -- I mean, 8 west, excuse me.

9 If you go east across there, it solves 10 the number problem, not the political -- I mean, 11 there is a political problem and there's a 12 numbers problem. It solves the numbers problem 13 clearly, and it also allows Traill your county to 14 find a home, otherwise, they were boxed in and 15 would have been out over close to Foster County. 16 So it's an alternative, right?

17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. It's an 18 alternative, Senator. That's correct. And every 19 way we lay these things out, we would come up 20 with Nelson and Steele being the only two 21 counties left in the middle of the state. They 22 didn't fit anywhere. So that's how we got to 23 this.

Now somebody else may come up with a
 better a better concept by tomorrow or next week.



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1	I'm fine with that. But all I'm telling you that
2	sent you the first one I gave you, that was
3	the most or the least damaged to any of the
4	county lines, makes everything work. I think
5	just adding the Spirit Lake Reservation to Ramsey
6	County makes a better community of interest to
7	just because it's right along Devils Lake.
8	They have students and school there.
9	They have they do a lot of their business
10	together and so on. So if you have a reservation
11	at Ramsey County, I think it works better.
12	You certainly can whether there's any
13	interest in sub-districts or not, you could
14	certainly look at one up in that district tying
15	area that took part of District 10, but
16	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: You might want to
17	mention too that the southern part of Towner
18	County has been with Ramsey County, that's Cando.
19	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah, yeah. It
20	absolutely has. Yeah.
21	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: And Towner County
22	in the past, years ago, was part of Rolette
23	County when they needed people.
24	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: And District 23, I can
25	tell you from experience, we used to have all the



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1	way to Western Walsh County up to Edinburg, you
2	know. And each time, you lose more people out in
3	some of these rural districts. They have to go
4	somewhere. They cannot be anywhere else.
5	CHAIRMAN: Are there any yes.
6	Senator Oban and then Representative Nathe.
7	SENATOR OBAN: Mr. Chairman, how very
8	generous of you to sacrifice yourself. That's
9	rare.
10	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Rare for me, Senatory
11	or rare for everyone?
12	SENATOR OBAN: Rare for legislators,
13	generally.
14	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. I just wanted
15	to clarify.
16	SENATOR OBAN: A good clarification,
17	yes. Certainly not targeting you.
18	Was there any consideration to just
19	leaving 23 alone and adding in Foster, which
20	makes it pretty much spot on?
21	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: It would make it
22	pretty much spot on if you I think you had to
23	use Eddy too, but I'm not sure. But it had a
24	real negative effect to 29 if you did that. You
25	know, it just wasn't the way to make it work.



1	And we played with this forever.
2	You know, a big share of the population
3	in 23 was on the reservation, you know. That now
4	is going into 15, and I think after the
5	presentation we heard this morning, that is the
6	place for it because those communities should be
7	together.
8	SENATOR OBAN: Okay.
9	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Representative
10	Nathe?
11	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Thank you,
12	Mr. Chairman and Representative Devlin.
13	I know we've talked about this. So
14	what's the thought process? I'm leaving Lincoln
15	out and putting him with Emmons. I think you
16	heard some of my comments about the Lincoln area
17	from 10 years ago, and now, from this we have it
18	in Emmons. What was the thought process on that?
19	What were you guys thinking?
20	SENATOR OBAN: I'm going to talk about
21	that next when he's done.
22	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yeah. That was not
23	part of what we did.
24	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Okay.
25	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: We ended it at the



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1	Burleigh County border where just Emmons is
2	sitting out there when we left it, so.
3	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Okay. All right.
4	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: If you recall when
5	I presented the northeast a couple of week
6	well, the other week, what that was, was all of
7	Cavalier, all of Pembina, the western half of
8	Walsh County and Nelson County. But that
9	presented problems with Steele, Traill, and the
10	Rolette County, kind of leaving both of them. So
11	I believe that Representative Devlin worked to
12	try to solve the problems, not only of that area,
13	but also of the other orphans that were hanging
14	around. Okay
15	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. Thank you.
16	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Now, should I do
17	the internals?
18	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yes.
19	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Okay. I will do
20	the internals.
21	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Before we move
22	on from there.
23	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: I don't know who's
24	talking.
25	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Monson.



1 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Yes. 2 Representative Monson. 3 REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: So, just for 4 fun, the other day when I was coming back from 5 Bismarck, I was basing it on Senator Holmberg's 6 plan where District 10 included Nelson County. 7 And I somewhat like that idea, except that it was 8 -- sorry, I get a phone call. 9 I somewhat liked it, except that it is a 10 long district. I started checking the odometer when I crossed into Nelson County, and if you 11 12 went all the way up to Pembina, that's a long 13 district. It keeps the counties much more whole, 14 which I liked. I don't have a problem 15 necessarily with splitting. I mean Cavalier 16 County was split once before. 17 At one time, District 10 included most 18 of Towner County as well. So I mean, it's been 19 all over the board, but this is a compact one. I 20 don't know how many counties are intact, but I 21 mean Nelson County on Senator Holmberg's last 22 plan was part of District 10; and it did keep the 23 counties more whole. So just to comment, I --24 you know, I'm not leaning one way or the other. 25 VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Okay. One of the



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1	things, Representative Monson, was that was
2	extremely compact, et cetera, et cetera, but then
3	it leaves on its edges the question of Traill
4	County and the question of Rolette County. And
5	what do you do? So the
6	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg will
7	now present the inner workings of the city.
8	REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: Mr. Chairman,
9	while he's (indiscernible), can I ask a question?
10	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Certainly.
11	REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: Mr. Chairman,
12	when we're drawing out these districts and we
13	have tasks that we're supposed to try to follow,
14	like does one task have more leverage than the
15	next task? Like, we've been looking at trying to
16	keep counties whole.
17	Is that more important than trying to
18	keep existing districts the way they are?
19	Because that's in my mind, it's an equal task.
20	And I think at least some of the plans that I've
21	seen give more credence to keeping counties whole
22	than keeping existing legislative districts
23	whole.
24	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative, I
25	don't know that I rank one ahead of the other. I



1	just whenever we looked at this and worked
2	through it, you always ended up with one or two
3	counties that were orphans until you got to this.
4	I prefer to keep county lines whole if it's
5	possible, but I certainly understand down in 28
6	and some of that area that maybe not be possible.
7	And I believe you're going to have the computer,
8	so I look forward to next week.
9	UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: Chairman, if I
10	may.
11	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator, yes.
12	UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER: I mean, in my
13	view, the county those governments, are set.
14	They've been there since statehood, and so I
15	think you ought to honor that.
16	We've changed these lines every 10
17	years. We're more fluid with this redistricting.
18	So I think counties, if possible, should have
19	precedence. Just my thought.
20	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl.
21	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Thank you, Mr.
22	Chairman.
23	Just to follow up on that, I've had with
24	our area county officials and our auditors up in
25	the northwest, and they consistently remind me
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1	that elections this is all for elections and
2	the prosecution elections. And they prefer
3	keeping county lines consistent because that's
4	easier and less chance for anything to go wrong
5	in their election processes. So just they
6	want me to pass law and that they prefer county
7	lines as well.
8	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl,
9	just from past history, I can tell you that was
10	what I heard repeatedly, because we at one time
11	lived I lived in a split county, and I heard
12	that repeatedly from the county officials that it
13	was very, very difficult to work with that, but
14	they made it work.
15	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: And if you recall,
16	Mr. Chairman, 10 years ago, when we were in
17	Devils Lake, we still carry some scars from the
18	discussions from Walsh County.
19	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg, I'm
20	not sure, but Representative Monson had a
21	question, and I don't know if it was to you or to
22	me. So let us have him ask that first, and then
23	we'll start.
24	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Okay.
25	REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Thank you,
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1 Mr. Chairman.

I was just going to say the same thing as Senator Bekkedahl just brought up. Keeping the county lines are much preferable to the county officials, especially the auditors that are responsible for election because they really don't like split counties when it comes to elections.

9 So to me, that's a very important thing 10 to keep the counties full, much more so than our 11 lines of districts, although, you know, I like 12 keeping districts as stable as they can because 13 it keeps the continuity between the population 14 and the people. But so much -- so much has to 15 change when we have redistricting. Keeping 16 counties full are very high on the county's 17 priority.

18 REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: Well,
 19 Mr. Chairman, since I asked the question, if I
 20 can just respond.

21 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yes, go ahead.
22 REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND: You know,
23 that's easy to look at when you don't live in a
24 county that is too big for two districts. It's
25 too big for one district, but not big enough for



1	two. So you're dealing with split counties.
2	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: That has always
3	been the trouble in the northeast, for example
4	Pembina County and Wells County work fine, but
5	they're too big, the two of them together. So
6	someone's going to have to divide it up there.
7	So it kind of just bookends along.
8	Okay. The northeast this was
9	essentially presented last week. What we did is
10	took the current borders, boundaries, of the four
11	districts that are in Grand Forks, the city of
12	Grand Forks, and added a few people because we
13	needed a few people, but we wanted to keep that
14	addition to a minimum.
15	Therefore, we did not go over and add
16	the city of Thompson. That was a little too big,
17	and we added the other half of the Grand Forks
18	Air Force Base. A total of 2002 people live on
19	the base, total. And we added the city of
20	Manvel. And the other city one could look at
21	would have been Emerado, but in Emerado, they're
22	connected with the LaMoure School District.
23	That's where their high school students go
24	whereas most of them go, whereas in Manvel,
25	they all go to Central High School in Grand



1 Forks. So there is a commonality there along the 2 Manvel area. 3 The District 42 was short quite a few 4 folks, and the internal borders within the city of Grand Fork on District 42 are identical to 5 6 what they are today. 7 The addition, as I mentioned, was 8 Brainerd Township, which used to be in 17. 17 9 had an excess population. And then, they took 10 over the Grand Forks Air Force Base because they 11 needed the people. They needed the population. 12 So that's why that looks kind of interesting with 13 that indentation into the city of Grand Forks. 14 That indentation is what has been there for a 15 number of years. 16 In fact, that indentation is identical 17 going back to 1993 with the exception of in 2003 18 the border was moved out to Washington Street and 19 then back 10 years later to 17th Street. So that 20 has been quite stable within the city of Grand 21 Forks. 22 District 43 is our landlocked district, 23 and it has no rural areas. 24 The only changes in District 43 were 25 addition of an area by the Alaris center, a



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1	removal of some folks that were over by the
2	library, which is by Washington. They went up to
3	District 18, which was short of population, and
4	then they picked up Walmart. And then they got
5	that particular area down to 40th Avenue South.
6	So that squared off.
7	District 17 we used to go up to 8th,
8	but we were too big, and we now are on 17th.
9	When you look at that line across, it says Sunset
10	and Chestnut Place, but the line is on 17th
11	Avenue South, which is a very a big zero fare
12	going across.
13	And then 18 has the rest 17 also has
14	the Walle Township, which is south of Grand
15	Forks, and it is over to the interstate. We use
16	the interstate as a boundary. Very identifiable.
17	And District forget about that. The one I'm
18	here on 19, we don't we don't look at that.
19	And you have the map of 43 and of 42.
20	There was a suggestion of making a slight
21	adjustment, and it was a slight adjustment, in
22	the borders of District 42, which would have
23	moved the would have taken some from 42 and
24	put it into 18, and then taken the city of Manvel
25	and put that in 42.



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1	But I just wanted you to know there was
2	that presentation, but personally, I like the
3	fact that if we can keep these borders the way
4	they were, it I like the continuity, but
5	that's essentially what it is. We did a minimal
6	amount of change within the districts, and that's
7	all I can say.
8	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl has
9	a question.
10	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Thank you,
11	Mr. Chairman and Senator Holmberg.
12	So relative to Grand Forks Air Force
13	Base, I like to call it one district now, but,
14	you know, just south of there, that does that
15	have not any common interest ties to the base
16	with its population? I understand you said the
17	school district is in a different school
18	district, but I just want to I don't know I
19	don't know if there's base people living in there
20	that have a common interest with the base, so
21	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: There's a lot of
22	base people that live there, a lot in Weimer.
23	And there is a community of interest out there.
24	The school district in Emerado and the school
25	district in Grand Forks has an interesting



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1	history of competition, because many, many years
2	ago, of course Grand Forks got the air base as
3	part of their school district, and Emerado
4	didn't. So there has been and I'm not saying
5	there is bad blood or anything like that, but
6	maybe some bad blood back in the day.
7	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: Well, if I could
8	Mr. Chairman?
9	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You may continue.
10	SENATOR BEKKEDAHL: It just makes sense
11	to me where you have the line right now. I just
12	I just didn't know the dynamics about who
13	lives in Emerado. I just know it's really close
14	to the base.
15	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: There's a Dairy
16	Queen, and the strip club closed years ago. I'm
17	told. I'm told. Club Emerado, but I'm told.
18	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: On that note, Senator
19	Oban had a question.
20	SENATOR OBAN: Yeah. Let's change that
21	one real quick.
22	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Yes, thank you.
23	SENATOR OBAN: So I since you showed
24	this, you know, changes to District 42 and Fargo,
25	I'm just struggling to understand how the



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1	university the district is essentially like
2	half the university, a fourth rural, and a fourth
3	the base, and maybe, you know, a population
4	that's not exactly. That seems like many
5	different communities of interest, when 42 could
6	be cut in a way where it is more like central
7	Grand Forks, sort of main I'm just wondering
8	the thought process of essentially doing the
9	university population rural and
10	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Well, first of
11	all, a large part of the population is of a
12	younger age at the university. And that is the
13	same kind of metric that you'll see at the air
14	force base.
15	SENATOR OBAN: Okay.
16	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: They are younger
17	population, you know, the 18- to 30-year olds,
18	a lot of them are out there. So there's that
19	commonality. But there part of it is they are
20	like I said, 2002 people that live on the
21	base, but air base folks live throughout the city
22	of Grand Forks as do university students and
23	university folks.
24	So trying to get the numbers, it just
25	made sense to put them together with that



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particular district. If we left 18 connected to the Grand Forks Air Force Base, then where do we get the population for District 42? There are -some legislators from District 42 option was to divide 43 in half and they take the northern half of 43.

7 And I had little interest in dividing a 8 district that really didn't need to be divided, 9 because they'd have to get their people some 10 place. And again, sometimes its -- I don't want 11 to say the people are ugly, but sometimes it's 12 ugly what you have to do in order to worship at 13 the altar of one person one lord.

14 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Any further questions?
15 Seeing none. Thank you.

16 Senator Poolman.

17 SENATOR POOLMAN: Mr. Chairman, as they 18 are passing out the version of this district --19 it's labeled District X, but it would really be 20 District 8 is what we would be calling it. As 21 you notice, both of the maps that came from the 22 eastern half of the state honored county lines. 23 And even though they were slightly different in 24 the way they did that, both of those maps left 25 Emmons County as an orphan.



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And so what I'm starting to realize on 1 2 this Committee is that we're coming in from the 3 east and the west and that everything in the 4 middle is now going to be squished. And so we 5 better start looking for some solutions in terms 6 of making whole districts in the middle as well. 7 And so I just drew the lines as far north as it 8 needed to go to have a population and have a nice 9 straight line. And so you'll see that it goes right 10 under Wilton there.

And so that's the district. It's the right size. I didn't include the rest of them there. But I will tell you that then I took what would have been the rest of District 8 as it is now, and it absorbed into 33, into 6 and into 14. And so that's why this will be considered the new 8.

17 And so I don't have any dog in this fight 18 or anything. I just wanted to start looking for some 19 solutions. I'm really supportive of the concept of 20 the following county lines. And so I think we need 21 to start to figure it out in the middle here if we're 22 going to try to do that on each side of the state. 23 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Headland, 24 I'm sorry.

MR. HEADLAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1	Senator, I'm just curious if we're keeping			
2	counties whole and as a task, and another one of			
3	our tasks is to keep an existing district as whole as			
4	it was, what would be the point of pulling a full			
5	county like Emmons out of District 28 when it			
6	actually, there's ways to make it fit in with 28?			
7	SENATOR POOLMAN: Mr. Chairman and			
8	Representative Headland, I am happy to see any maps			
9	where you're still honoring county lines, and you			
10	keep the districts together. I think that's great.			
11	I'm just saying the two maps I've seen left Emmons			
12	County as an orphan, and so this is a proposal. If			
13	people like those two versions of the map, it's a			
14	proposal to do that.			
15	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Representative Nathe?			
16	REPRESENTATIVE NATHE: Thank you,			
17	Mr. Chairman.			
18	I appreciate Senator Poolman's work on			
19	this, and I'm all for looking at different options			
20	and I think that's good. But I just want to speak to			
21	Lincoln. I spoke to it earlier when I presented.			
22	That's going to be a big problem.			
23	And I know we're having some people			
24	tomorrow coming from Lincoln. They want to be			
25	represented by somebody local. Like as I said			



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1 earlier, they have a Bismarck public school in their city, they relate to Bismarck politics. Something 2 3 like this, you know now you've put them into a rural 4 district. 5 And we heard this complaint 10 years ago 6 and it was very loud at the end. And we just need to 7 keep that in mind when we're taking a look at this. 8 So thank you. 9 SENATOR POOLMAN: Mr. Chairman, if I may 10 speak to that? 11 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: You may. 12 SENATOR POOLMAN: As the person who 13 represents Lincoln now, what I love about having 14 Lincoln in this district is that they become the 15 largest voting block and the most influential 16 community in the district. And what I like as a 17 parent through Bismarck public schools and has 18 dedicated my life's work to working for Bismarck 19 public schools, I like that you have an entire 20 district now, that you have three more legislators 21 that need to consider what is good for Bismarck 22 public schools. 23 And so I like the idea that you really created a district where Lincoln has significantly 24 25 more influence than it has today.



1	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator, if I believe
2	and you know obviously with the 200 pieces of paper
3	I've now accumulated, your vision of District 8 is
4	entirely different than what Representative Nathe
5	presented. And so exactly what are you going to do
6	with the balance of McLean County so to speak, what
7	did you do with that?
8	SENATOR POOLMAN: Correct. And I didn't
9	want to show that. I will just tell you that I
10	absorbed it into 33 and 6 and 14. But I haven't
11	spoken to anybody from those areas.
12	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay.
13	SENATOR POOLMAN: And I'm not familiar with
14	those areas. And so I wanted to have some time to
15	meet with people and to see what the other maps had
16	already done with 31 and 33 and to see what was
17	already planned for those districts. So they were
18	just absorbed into those three other districts.
19	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. Thank you. Was
20	there any comments from any interested persons on
21	what we've discussed today? Nothing online? No.
22	MR. HANEBUTT: Mr. Chairman, Members of the
23	Committee, I'm Pete Hanebutt from Farm Bureau. I
24	haven't commented before, but a lot of the discussion
25	today lends to what our policy says, which Policy



¹ 40909 says, "We believe the legislative district ² should consider geographical areas as well as ³ population to more equally represent the rural areas ⁴ of North Dakota."

5 What that means in the discussion of our 6 delegates is what you've discussed today; keeping 7 communities of interest together. Keeping counties 8 together is important, but that is balanced by 9 communities of interest, meaning school districts 10 that cross county lines, urban areas that cross 11 county lines, and those kinds of things. That was 12 the general discussion of our delegates last 13 December, and they were very interested in this.

14 Obviously, we want to maximize the impact 15 of rural North Dakota and the rural people in 16 Agriculture. And so I'll leave it at that. It's a 17 little bit up to your own interpretation. I've seen 18 the discussion today was healthy, all the way round 19 for our interests and so we appreciate all your work, 20 so --21 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Questions, Mr. Hanebutt?

22 MR. HANEBUTT: No, sir. 23 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Oban? 24 SENATOR OBAN: I do have -- you know, I'm 25 just looking at the existing district lines or



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1	legislative district lines. For example, the Minot				
2	area essentially split the City of Minot into four				
3	districts making each of those districts, maybe with				
4	the exception of 5 and I'll probably ask Senator				
5	Burckhard if that's about accurate, part rural and				
6	part Minot. Considering we will be probably				
7	eliminating a few rural districts, you could cut				
8	Minot to be three districts that encompass Minot and				
9	then you would gain one rural district.				
10	MR. HANEBUTT: Uh-huh (affirmative).				
11	SENATOR OBAN: Can you speak to that				
12	thought process?				
13	MR. HANEBUTT: Well, I would be speaking				
14	for Ward County Farm Bureau.				
15	SENATOR OBAN: Sure.				
16	MR. HANEBUTT: And I probably shouldn't				
17	speak for them specifically. The general consensus				
18	of our members is to maximize rural districts, which				
19	is great. We also understand that a district or two				
20	here and there is going to go away. The fact that				
21	the numbers have gone away, for example, the				
22	Chairman's district number going away doesn't meant				
23	that that rural district goes away. Those rural				
24	people are still well represented in some of the maps				
25	represented today.				



1 SENATOR OBAN: Of course. 2 MR. HANEBUTT: So it's a little bit of 3 horse trading. I think our folks would like to see a 4 growth in districts in the west obviously, because 5 they see that part of the state expanding. So it's a 6 half a horse a piece, and I don't know that there's a 7 fair way to say it. We know that some -- what we 8 would consider city districts are going to go out 9 into the countryside. And we know that some country 10 sides are going to capture a little bit of suburbia. 11 I'm happy for, you know -- one of the 12 renderings today was my district in rural Morton 13 County. Catching New Salem with Dickinson makes 14 sense. And I think you know, there's a lot of things 15 that makes sense and how we draw these things. It's 16 just a matter of you quys aren't wrestling over it. 17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Senator Sorvaag. 18 SENATOR SORVAAG: Mr. Chairman, Pete, and 19 this isn't as much a question but a statement to 20 that. You may want to respond back to it, but --21 Cass County, I have one of those urban rural, and I 22 think they gained. If we make all of rural Cass 23 County one district, they got one senator, two 24 representatives. 25 If you take what I'll be showing tomorrow



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1	where I take a fourth of the rural, and I have it
2	now. Rural Cass County's got two senators and four
3	representatives. When the Cass County township
4	officers have their annual meeting, they've got two
5	senators sitting there, not one. That completely
6	I can see a little edge, but it completely baffles me
7	how that can be called deluding the representation.

8 Now, still at the end of the day, it's 9 incumbent of every legislature to realize we're 10 responsible for all our constituents, whether you're 11 living in the country or living in the city, wherever 12 my house is. I'm responsible for them all. So I 13 struggle with that. I know there's unique things 14 where it's deluding, but because of the losing of the 15 rural districts, this is one way to keep 16 representation.

17 And you can respond to that. But I don't 18 think what you'll see in my map is hurting those 19 people. Well, I've had most of them already for 20 eight years. And I'm in a unique situation. I grew 21 up out in that rural, and I'm connected. But when I 22 look, at least in Cass County, it's enhancing the 23 rural part of Cass County to have connections to 24 multiple districts than if we wrap that. And we 25 could wrap it all in one, and that's all they'd



1 represent. 2 So I think there's two sides to it, and 3 that's why everyone needs to stand really on its own 4 merits. But I think a blanket statement that there 5 shouldn't be an urban rural and it's only been done 6 solely because of numbers might be missing some 7 opportunities for additional rural representation. 8 MR. HANEBUTT: Senator, I appreciate the 9 comment, and I cannot disagree with your ideology on 10 that at all. I mean, it is a horse-trading process. 11 I will add an editorial comment that as a former 12 lobbyist from another state, we do a much better job 13 here. And God bless you all because I wouldn't move 14 back to Indiana the way they draw gerrymander 15 districts there. So across the board, this is 16 better. 17 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Thank you, Pete. We 18 appreciate that. 19 MR. HANEBUTT: Thank you. 20 CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: So I know tomorrow, we're 21 doing Cass County. I don't know if some of the folks 22 from western North Dakota might be able to get 23 together here today and at least discuss a little 24 bit, you know, what you're doing. I know that --25 Representative Lefor, do you have the --



1	one of the computers?
2	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: (Indiscernible)
3	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay.
4	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: I gave it to
5	Counsel.
6	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Okay. Well, one of them
7	is going to Representative Headland, and I'm not sure
8	where the other one was. It was going to go to
9	Minot, but it isn't now. So I'm not sure who has the
10	other one, but that's fine. But Representative
11	Headland will need one.
12	REPRESENTATIVE LEFOR: I was offered
13	(indiscernible).
14	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: From both? You're going
15	to get both of that?
16	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: Where is that going?
17	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Well, whatever. However
18	you three want to work it out.
19	VICE CHAIR HOLMBERG: We don't have to
20	CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: That will be fine.
21	What else is there for today, Committee?
22	Tomorrow may be a short meeting, unless you come up
23	with a bunch of solutions overnight.
24	Representative Boschee, are you presenting
25	anything else on your plan? Okay.



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1	You did get a letter from a gentleman in					
2	Beulah. I think it was circulated earlier that said					
3	that reservations have been split in different					
4	districts that happened, he said, back in the 70's					
5	and 80's and as late as 92 or maybe 2002. And the					
6	statement I made is we have never done it you know,					
7	when I was that I could remember.					
8	But apparently, it was done years back.					
9	But in all the years I've been working with it, we					
10	have never split an Indian reservation, and I'm sure					
11	we're not going to this year. But I stand corrected					
12	because he said it was done in some of the earlier					
13	years.					
14	I don't know if anybody was on in any of					
15	those Redistricting Committees that far back or not.					
16	Is there anything else for today,					
17	Committee?					
18	So nothing. We'll stand in recess until					
19	tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.					
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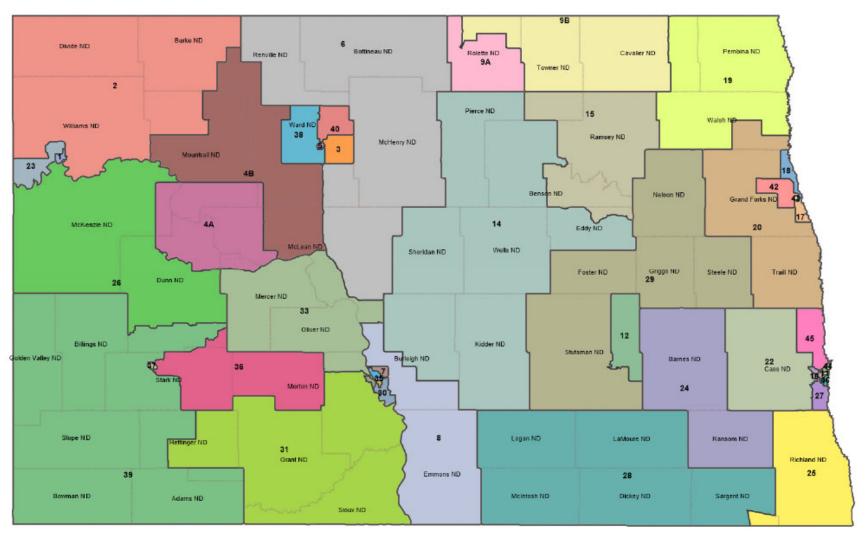
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2021 JOINT LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

HB 1504

2021 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Redistricting Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

> HB 1504 11/8/2021

A bill relating to legislative redistricting and staggering of terms of members of the legislative assembly and relating to legislative districts and staggering of terms of members of the legislative assembly.

Chairman Devlin called the meeting to order at 2:50pm.

Roll call-all present.

LEGISLATORS	PRESENT
Chairman Devlin	Y
Co-Chairman Holmberg	Y
Representative Bellew	Y
Representative Boschee	Y
Representative Headland	Y
Representative Lefor	Y
Representative Monson	Y
Representative Nathe	Y
Representative Schauer	Y
Senator Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Burckhard	Y
Senator Erbele	Y
Senator Klein	Y
Senator Oban	Y
Senator Poolman	Y
Senator Sorvaag	Y

Discussion Topics:

- Subdistricts division
- District boundaries

Representative Kreidt distributed proposed amendments 21.1113.02007 (#12169).

Emily Thompson, Legislative Council, displayed maps showing Morton County with specifically the city of Judson.

Senator Anderson distributed proposed amendments 21.1113.02008 (#12168).

Emily Thompson, Legislative Council, displayed maps showing districts. (3:08pm)

Representative Headland made a motion to adopt amendment 21.1113.02008.

Senator Holmberg seconded the motion.

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Voice vote-motion carried to adopt the amendment.

Representative Ertelt proposed two amendments, 21.1113.02003 (#12167) and 21.1113.02004 (#12166).

Senator Marcellais proposed amendments 21.1113.02006 (#12165) with a handout including two maps (#12164).

Douglas Yankton, Chairman for the Spirit Lake Nation, testified in opposition (#12163) (3:21pm).

Jamie Azure, Chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, testified in opposition (#12162). (3:30pm).

Representative Nelson testified in opposition with no written testimony. (3:34pm).

Representative Boschee made a motion to adopt Senator Marcellais' amendment 21.1113.02006.

Senator Oban seconded the motion.

Voice vote-motion failed.

Representative Jones testified in opposition with no written testimony. (3:57pm)

Senator Holmberg explained how the bill could be divided.

Emily Thompson, Legislative Council, map presentation.

Representative Bellew proposed amendment on page 4 line 12 changing third avenue to fourth avenue. Legislative Council is able to make this correction without a vote.

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Chairman Devlin adjourned at 4:16pm.

Additional written testimony:

Rick Gion, Director of North Dakota Voters First, testimony in opposition #11790.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

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Page 33, line 6, remove "four"

Page 33, line 7, replace "<u>thousand one hundred forty-four</u>" with "<u>one thousand six hundred fifty-</u> <u>seven</u>"

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21.1113.02004 Title. Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Representative Ertelt November 5, 2021

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- Page 1, line 3, replace "staggering of terms" with "elections"
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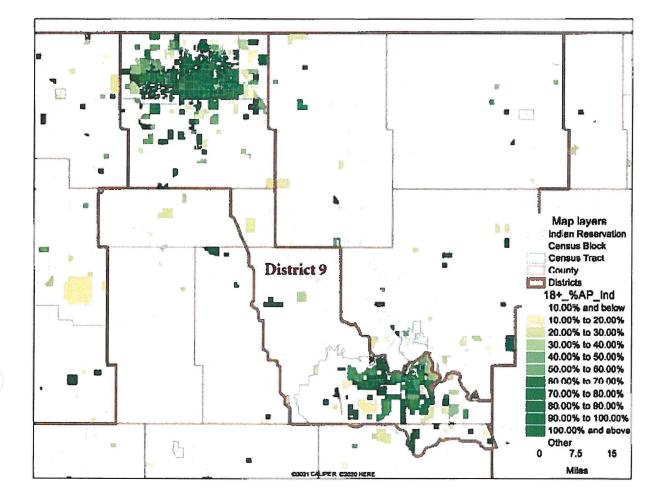


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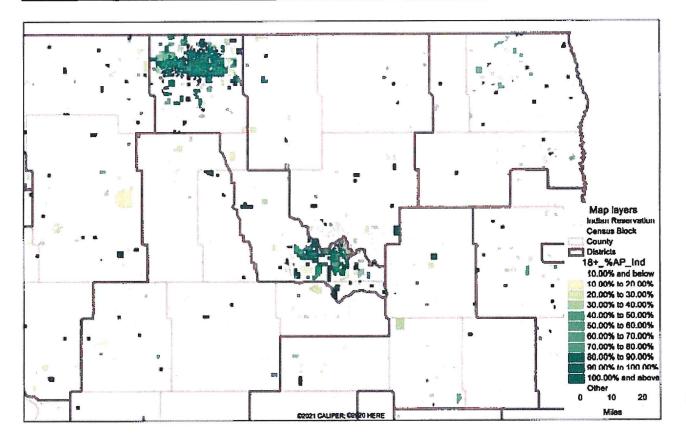
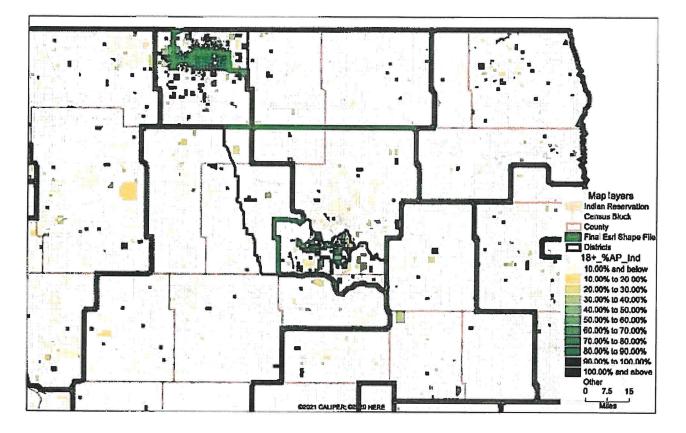


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Testimony of Spirit Lake Nation Chairman Douglas Yankton, Sr. Before the North Dakota Legislative Council Redistricting Committee November 8, 2021

Members of the Redistricting Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify today. I am Douglas Yankton, Sr., Chairman of the Spirit Lake Nation. Spirit Lake is a sovereign nation and a federally recognized Indian Tribe with over 7,500 enrolled members. The Spirit Lake reservation is located mostly in Benson County, but also in portions of Eddy, Ramsey, Wells and Nelson counties.

I am here to ask that the Committee slightly revise its map to draw a single legislative district that includes the Spirit Lake Nation reservation and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa reservation. This request was originally conveyed through a letter from myself and Chairman Azure, submitted to the Governor and Legislature on November 1st. I have attached a copy of the letter to my testimony. The letter includes a map of the proposed district, as well as maps showing how the proposed district could easily be incorporated into the Committee's approved map with very little change.

Spirit Lake and Turtle Mountain have many shared interests. We are the only two federally recognized Tribes in the North Eastern part of the state. We have similar economic interests, as well as cultural and political values. We both deal with the federal government on a government-to-government basis. We live just over an hour's drive from each other, and, because the boundaries between our two

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reservations are less than 55 miles apart as the crow flies, the district would be geographically compact. Additionally, a strong majority of the district's voters would be Native American, which means subdistricts would not be required for this district. Finally, we believe that joining our Tribes together into a single legislative district will improve the government-to-government relationships between our Tribes and with the State. In short, as sovereign tribal governments we have unique communities that have uniquely shared values. It only makes sense for us to have a shared political district.

I hope the Committee will give full consideration to this request. I thank you for your time today, and will stand for any questions the Committee may have.



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Dear Governor Burgum, Speaker Koppelman, and Leaders Pollert, Boschee, Wardner and Heckaman:

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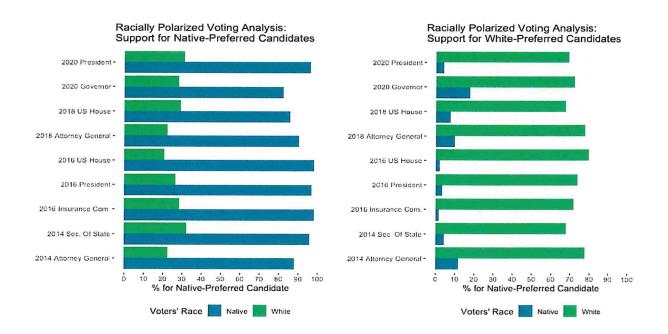
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At that redistricting hearing, representatives from the Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Three Affiliated Tribes advocated for the creation of legislative subdistricts to improve their representation. Of these requests, only a subdistrict for the Three Affiliated Tribes reservation area was approved by the Redistricting Committee. The Committee, however, also decided to create subdistricts in the Turtle Mountain reservation area, even though no subdistricts were ever requested by Turtle Mountain to the Redistricting Committee.

As a result of the poor outreach to our Tribal Nations, despite our repeated requests, the Redistricting Committee's proposed District 9, containing the Turtle Mountain reservation, is illegally drawn and we believe will be struck down in court if it is adopted by the State Legislature. To remedy this situation, and to also allow the members of Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake to be able to elect the representatives of their choice in accordance with federal law, we have developed a proposed district containing the Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake reservations. (Attached as Figure 1).

Given that our Tribal communities together would be sufficiently large and geographically compact to form a majority-minority district, and given the racially polarized voting that exists when comparing our communities to the surrounding areas, our proposed district satisfies the Voting Rights Act, and would negate the need for a subdistrict. To illustrate, the below charts show the differences between Native American and non-Native American voting patterns in 2016 and 2020 state-wide elections for the precincts within the district we have proposed. Our Tribal communities have voted cohesively in favor of clearly identified Native American preferred candidates. On the other hand, the non-Native American voters have, without exception, overwhelmingly voted against the Native American candidate of choice.



The disparity is even more severe when Native American candidates have run for office. In the 2016 election for the United States House of Representatives, a Native American candidate, Chase Iron Eyes, was preferred by an estimated 98 percent of Native American voters, but received only 21 percent of the vote from white voters. The vast majority of white voters rallied behind the eventual winner of the race, Kevin Cramer, who received only an estimated 2 percent of the Native American vote. A similar pattern is visible in the 2016 race for Insurance Commissioner, where an estimated 98 percent of Native American voters cast a ballot in favor of the Native American candidate, Ruth Buffalo, while being favored by only 28 percent of white voters.

Not only will adopting the district proposed by our Tribes allow the State of North Dakota to forgo costly litigation (which would likely result in the Redistricting Committee's map being overturned anyway), the proposed district can also be incorporated into the overall state-wide redistricting map very easily, with minimal impacts to the districts proposed by the Redistricting Committee for the rest of the state. We have taken the additional step of drawing a full state-wide map that incorporates our proposed district. (Attached as Figure 2). To illustrate this minimal impact, we have additionally provided a map that shows the lines of a proposed state-wide map that incorporates our proposed district, overlaid with the lines of the Redistricting Committee's proposed map. (Attached as Figure 3). As you can see, incorporation of our proposed district only creates small changes to the other districts proposed by the Redistricting Committee, and only in the northeast corner of the state.

We respectfully bring this request forward, not only as the leaders of sovereign Tribal Nations, but as fellow citizens of the State of North Dakota. All citizens deserve to have their voices heard and to be treated fairly and equally under the law. Our proposed district accomplishes this, which benefits our Tribes as well as the State of North Dakota and all of its citizens. We appreciate your thorough attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jamie Azure Chairman Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

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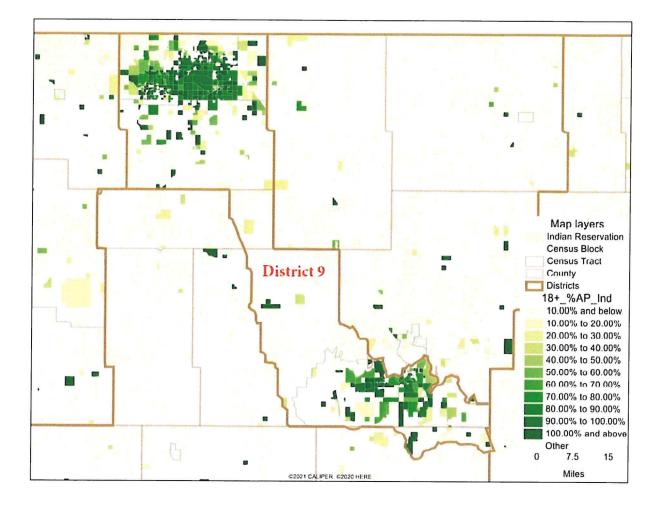


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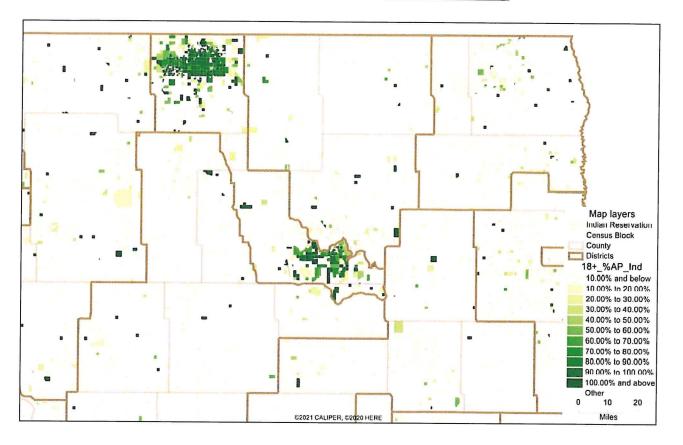
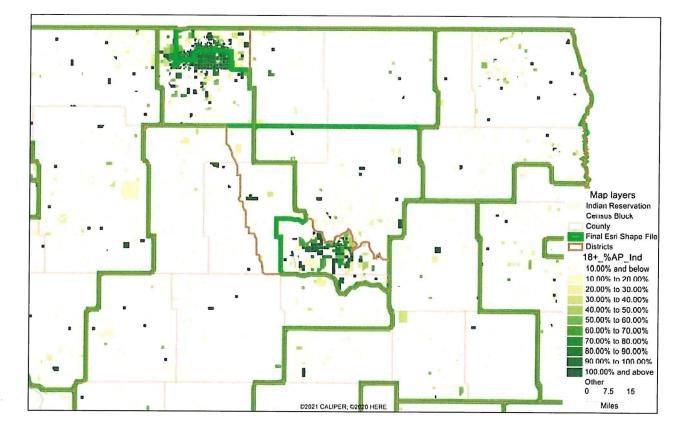


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Today, I come before the Committee to ask that you honor the request of Turtle Mountain and the Spirit Lake to approve a legislative district that includes both of our communities. As you know, this request was submitted to the Legislature on November 1st through a joint letter from Chairman Yankton and myself. I have attached a copy of the letter to my testimony. If approved, this district would be the first of its kind in North Dakota, by allowing two Tribal Nations to share one voice in the State's Senate and House elections.

I am very concerned about the Committee's proposed District 9 that encompasses the Turtle Mountain reservation. The Committee's proposed district would dilute the Native American vote, would not provide our tribal members with

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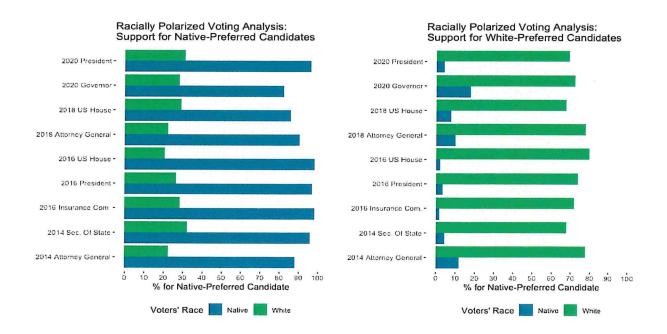
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Redistricting Committee was the e-mailing of a hearing notice to the Tribes with one day's notice. Of course, given the short notice, not all of the Tribes were able to make it to Bismarck to attend the hearing. Indeed, we as tribal leaders are governing in the middle of a pandemic with limited resources, and so one day's notice is far from sufficient.

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As a result of the poor outreach to our Tribal Nations, despite our repeated requests, the Redistricting Committee's proposed District 9, containing the Turtle Mountain reservation, is illegally drawn and we believe will be struck down in court if it is adopted by the State Legislature. To remedy this situation, and to also allow the members of Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake to be able to elect the representatives of their choice in accordance with federal law, we have developed a proposed district containing the Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake reservations. (Attached as Figure 1).

Given that our Tribal communities together would be sufficiently large and geographically compact to form a majority-minority district, and given the racially polarized voting that exists when comparing our communities to the surrounding areas, our proposed district satisfies the Voting Rights Act, and would negate the need for a subdistrict. To illustrate, the below charts show the differences between Native American and non-Native American voting patterns in 2016 and 2020 state-wide elections for the precincts within the district we have proposed. Our Tribal communities have voted cohesively in favor of clearly identified Native American preferred candidates. On the other hand, the non-Native American voters have, without exception, overwhelmingly voted against the Native American candidate of choice.



The disparity is even more severe when Native American candidates have run for office. In the 2016 election for the United States House of Representatives, a Native American candidate, Chase Iron Eyes, was preferred by an estimated 98 percent of Native American voters, but received only 21 percent of the vote from white voters. The vast majority of white voters rallied behind the eventual winner of the race, Kevin Cramer, who received only an estimated 2 percent of the Native American vote. A similar pattern is visible in the 2016 race for Insurance Commissioner, where an estimated 98 percent of Native American voters cast a ballot in favor of the Native American candidate, Ruth Buffalo, while being favored by only 28 percent of white voters.

Not only will adopting the district proposed by our Tribes allow the State of North Dakota to forgo costly litigation (which would likely result in the Redistricting Committee's map being overturned anyway), the proposed district can also be incorporated into the overall state-wide redistricting map very easily, with minimal impacts to the districts proposed by the Redistricting Committee for the rest of the state. We have taken the additional step of drawing a full state-wide map that incorporates our proposed district. (Attached as Figure 2). To illustrate this minimal impact, we have additionally provided a map that shows the lines of a proposed state-wide map that incorporates our proposed district, overlaid with the lines of the Redistricting Committee's proposed map. (Attached as Figure 3). As you can see, incorporation of our proposed district only creates small changes to the other districts proposed by the Redistricting Committee, and only in the northeast corner of the state.

We respectfully bring this request forward, not only as the leaders of sovereign Tribal Nations, but as fellow citizens of the State of North Dakota. All citizens deserve to have their voices heard and to be treated fairly and equally under the law. Our proposed district accomplishes this, which benefits our Tribes as well as the State of North Dakota and all of its citizens. We appreciate your thorough attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jamie Azure Chairman Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

Douglas Yanktorl, Sr Chairman Spirit Lake Nation

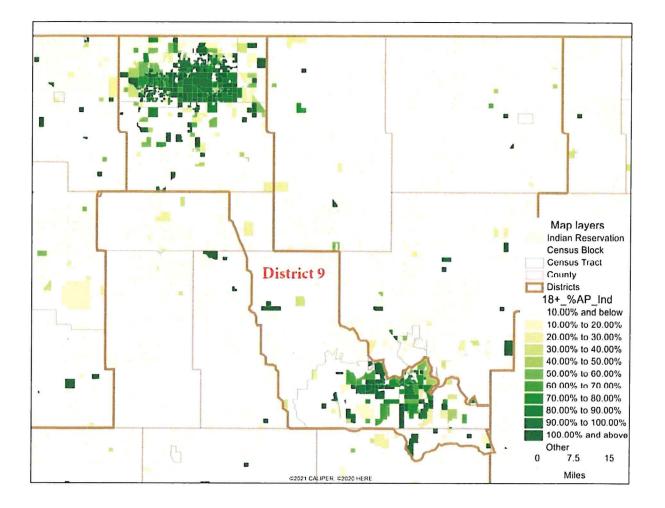


Figure 1 – Proposed District Including Spirit Lake and Turtle Mountain Reservations

District	Population	Deviation	%Deviation	18+ Native American Population	% 18+Native American Population
9	17,341	765	4.62%	7,887	69.06%

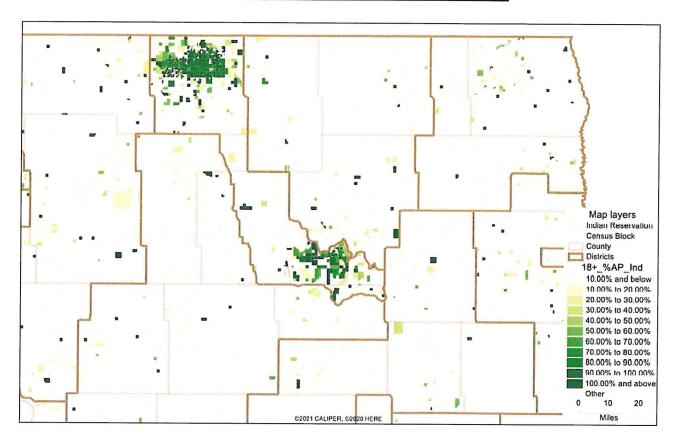
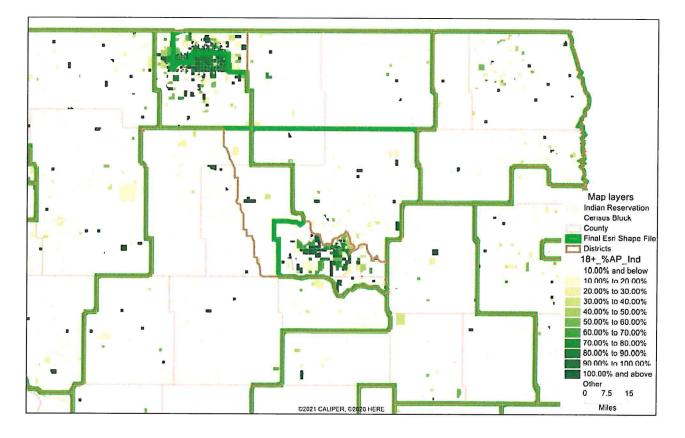


Figure 2 – Proposed District as Incorporated Into State-Wide District Map

<u>Figure 3 – Our Proposed District as Incorporated into State-Wide Map (Dark Brown Lines),</u> <u>Overlaid with and the Redistricting Committee's Map (Green Lines)</u>





Joint Redistricting Committee written testimony 2021 special session of the Legislature November 8, 2021

Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Rick Gion, speaking on behalf of the North Dakota Voters First board of directors. I live in Fargo, ND.

North Dakota Voters First is a non-partisan, grassroots organization dedicated to strengthening democracy. Our organization focuses on educating and engaging North Dakota citizens to make elections and public policy more accountable, ethical, and transparent.

We commend the 2021 Redistricting Committee for their hard work and prudent decision to comply with the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965 by creating two House subdistricts. We are aware that this provision may be separated from the current redistricting bill, so please continue to advocate for these split districts if that's how a floor vote transpires.

As you know, North Dakota Voters First remains committed to House subdistricts throughout the whole state to bring elected officials closer to their voters. This isn't a new idea. It was discussed at length during the 2001 North Dakota redistricting process. Our neighbor to the east, Minnesota, uses this system. It was also recently endorsed by the Bismarck Tribune.

Throughout the redistricting process, leaders from our organization and other local voting rights groups have had concerns with the 2021 redistricting process. Our concerns include incumbent protection, scheduled time periods for public comment not being adhered to, agendas not being posted in a timely fashion, and draft maps not being posted prior to most meetings. This was unfortunate and disappointing. For these reasons and more, we feel that an independent redistricting commission would benefit the state and its citizens in future legislative redistricting.

Thank you for your time and hard work.

Sincerely,

Rick Gion Fargo, ND Lobbyist #1086

2021 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Redistricting Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

> HB 1504 11/9/2021

A bill relating to legislative redistricting and staggering of terms of members of the legislative assembly and relating to legislative districts and staggering of terms of members of the legislative assembly.

Chairman Devlin opened the meeting at 8:00am.

Roll call-all present.

LEGISLATORS	PRESENT
Chairman Devlin	Y
Co-Chairman Holmberg	Y
Representative Bellew	Υ
Representative Boschee	Y
Representative Headland	Y
Representative Lefor	Y
Representative Monson	Υ
Representative Nathe	Υ
Representative Schauer	Y
Senator Bekkedahl	Υ
Senator Burckhard	Y
Senator Erbele	Y
Senator Klein	Y
Senator Oban	Y
Senator Poolman	Υ
Senator Sorvaag	Y

Discussion Topics:

• District division

Emily Thompson, Legislative Council, distributed and explained proposed amendment per yesterday's discussion, 21.1113.02009 (#12175).

Senator Bekkedahl made a motion to adopt this amendment 21.1113.02009.

Representative Nathe seconded the motion.

Voice vote-motion carried.

Representative Bellew proposed an amendment on page 26 starting on line 24 changing fourth avenue northwest to third avenue northwest and "also identified as third avenue northwest" can be eliminated.

Representative Bellew made a motion to adopt this amendment.

Senator Burkhard seconded the motion.

Voice vote-motion carried.

Emily Thompson, Legislative Council, discussed Secretary of State's clarifications.

Senator Holmberg made a motion for a Do Pass as Amended.

Senator Burckhard seconded the motion.

Roll call vote-16-0-0. Motion carried.

LEGISLATORS	VOTE
Chairman Devlin	Y
Co-Chairman Holmberg	Y
Representative Bellew	Y
Representative Boschee	Y
Representative Headland	Y
Representative Lefor	Y
Representative Monson	Y
Representative Nathe	Y
Representative Schauer	Y
Senator Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Burckhard	Y
Senator Erbele	Y
Senator Klein	Y
Senator Oban	Y
Senator Poolman	Y
Senator Sorvaag	Y

Chairman Devlin adjourned the meeting at 8:12am.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

21.1113.02009 Title. Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for the Joint Redistricting Committee November 8, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1504

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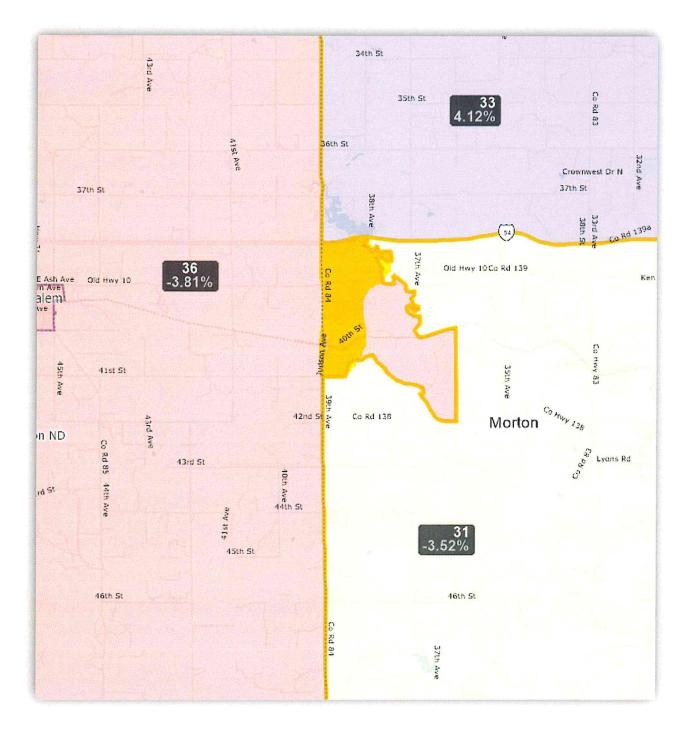


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21.1113.02010 Title.03000

Adopted by the Joint Redistricting Committee

November 9, 2021

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1504

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Page 26, line 24, remove "also"

Page 26, line 25, remove "identified as third avenue northwest,"

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1504: Joint Redistricting Committee (Rep. Devlin, Co-Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1504 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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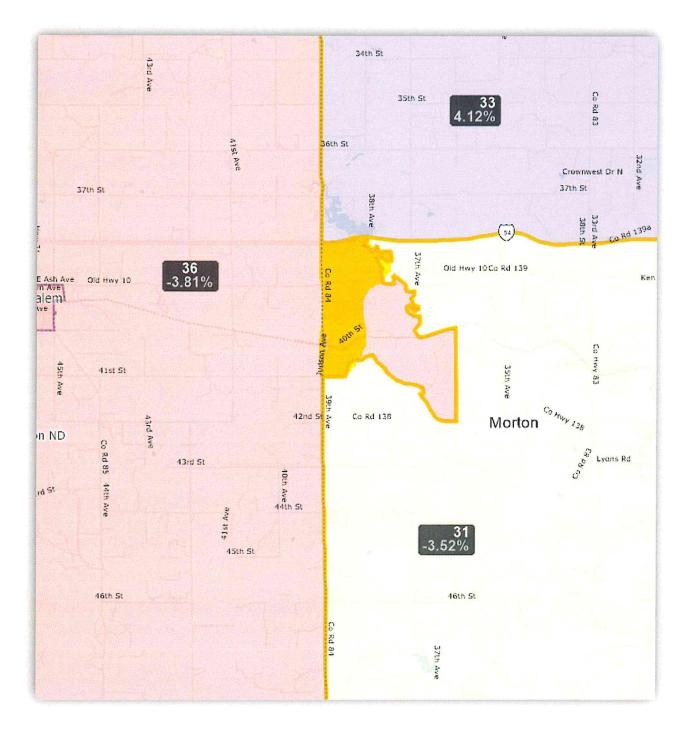


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EXHIBIT 4

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1	NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
2	REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING
3	DATE OF RECORDING: November 8, 2021
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5	PERSONS RECORDED:
6	Rep. Bill Devlin, Chairman
7	Rep. Mike Nathe
8	Unknown Female
9	Sen. Ray Holmberg, Vice Chairman
10	Rep. Larry Bellew
11	Rep. Joshua Boschee
12	Rep. Craig Headland
13	Rep. Mike Lefor
14	Rep. David Monson
15	Rep. Austen Schauer
16	Sen. Brad Bekkedahl
17	Sen. Randy Burckhard
18	Sen. Robert Erbele
19	Sen. Jerry Klein
20	Sen. Erin Oban
21	Sen. Nicole Poolman
22	Sen. Ronald Sorvaag
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1	PERSONS RECORDED (CONT.):
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3	Rep. Gary Kreidt
4	Emily Thompson, Legal Division Director
5	Sen. Howard Anderson
6	Rep. Sebastian Ertelt
7	Sen. Richard Marcellais
8	Douglas Yankton, Chairman of Spirit Lake Tribe
9	Jamie Azure, Chairman of Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
10	Rep. Marvin Nelson
11	Rep. Terry Jones
12	Unknown Male
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1	REP. DEVLIN: (bangs gavel) We'll call to order.
2	You want to do the role call, please?
3	Is this on?
4	REP. NATHE: (in background) No, it's on. You've
5	got it on.
6	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Chairman Devlin?
7	REP. DEVLIN: Here.
8	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Vice Chairman Holmberg?
9	SEN. HOLMBERG: Here.
10	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Representative Bellew?
11	REP. BELLEW: Here.
12	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Representative Boschee?
13	REP. BOSCHEE: Here.
14	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Representative Headland?
15	REP. HEADLAND: Here.
16	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Representative Lefor?
17	REP. LEFOR: Here.
18	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Representative Monson?
19	REP. MONSON: Here.
20	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Representative Nathe?
21	REP. NATHE: Here.
22	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Representative Schauer?
23	REP. SCHAUER: Here.
24	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Senator Bekkedahl?
25	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Here.

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1	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Senator Burckhard?
2	SEN. BURCKHARD: Here.
3	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Senator Erbele?
4	SEN. ERBELE: Here.
5	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Senator Klein?
6	SEN. KLEIN: Here.
7	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Senator Oban?
8	SEN. OBAN: Here.
9	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Senator Poolman?
10	SEN. POOLMAN: Here.
11	UNKNOWN FEMALE: Senator Sorvaag?
12	SEN. SORVAAG: Here.
13	REP. DEVLIN: Committee, I know we have a couple of
14	amendments that are being proposed. I'd like to start with
15	them, if the sponsors are here, before we get into some of
16	the other ones that might take a little more time.
17	Representative Kreidt I believe has the first
18	amendment we were asked about? And that has been handed out
19	to you. I believe everybody has one. Representative Bellew
20	handed those out.
21	Representative Kreidt.
22	REP. KREIDT: Thank you, Chairman Devlin.
23	And members of the Redistricting Committee, you
24	should have Amendment 21.1113.02007 that was handed out
25	prior to the calling to order of the meeting.
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1	What happened and what the amendment does, on the
2	original map of the redistricting for the State of North
3	Dakota, there's a small community east of New Salem it's
4	called Judson, North Dakota some of you probably have
5	heard of it before but, you know, it was a little
6	difficult to read the map after the final approval of this
7	Committee's redistricting and I started to get calls. They
8	are in 33 right now and I still represent District 33.
9	Representative Gary Kreidt. I should've introduced myself.
10	But what happened, the line that was drawn on the
11	east side of District 36 went through the middle of the town
12	of Judson, North Dakota. Half of the town is in now
13	would be in 31 and half would be in 36. What this amendment
14	does is moves the line a mile to the east. And, really,
15	population wise, there isn't hardly any affect, so what I'm
16	asking the Committee to do is to adopt this proposed
17	amendment.
18	And it would fit into the Bill 1504, beginning on
19	page 22, line 29, after 39, and it would be completed on
20	page 23, on line 7. County Road 84 to the point of
21	beginning would end the amendment, and this would put the
22	city whole city or village of Judson back into 36
23	instead of having two districts dividing up or dividing
24	the small community of Judson.
25	So, that's my proposed amendment. I would hope the

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1	Redistricting Committee would act favorably upon that
2	request. And if anybody has any questions, I'd be happy to
3	try to answer them.
4	REP. DEVLIN: Are there questions for
5	Representative Kreidt?
6	Representative Boschee.
7	REP. BOSCHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8	Representative Kreidt, with this line change, would
9	you have an analysis of the population changes? I know in
10	some areas it was pretty close.
11	REP. KREIDT: I think Council probably has that. I
12	worked with them on getting this amendment. I think it has
13	very little affect on the population wise of moving that
14	district line.
15	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Boschee, I believe
16	that map is for Senator Anderson's amendment. I don't
17	believe that that was for this particular one.
18	Senator Burckhard.
19	SEN. BURCKHARD: Mr. Chairman, did you say that the
20	local County Auditor is also in favor of this? You may
21	have said that and I may have missed it.
22	REP. KREIDT: Mr. Chairman, members of the
23	Committee, I would assume they would be, but I hadn't any
24	discussion with the County Auditor.
25	SEN. BURCKHARD: Thank you.

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1	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Erbele.
2	SEN. ERBELE: Mr. Chairman, just so I'm clear on
3	this, when Representative Kreidt was speaking, he mentioned
4	that it was lines 39 and to the top of the page to line 7,
5	but the amendment is lines 22 to 29. So, just wondering if
6	that's all correct because he said it in the amendment that
7	we have it, but it may just be in a different place.
8	REP. DEVLIN: Thank you, Senator. We'll have
9	Council here look quick.
10	Emily, did you have a oh, we don't have a
11	microphone over there.
12	MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Chairman Devlin, members of the
13	Committee, that information is correct.
14	REP. ERBELE: On the amendment.
15	MS. THOMPSON: The line numbers is [sic] correct.
16	And I do also, if anyone would like to view this
17	amendment map, too, I also have that on my computer if the
18	Committee so wishes.
19	REP. DEVLIN: Can you bring it up on the screen,
20	Emily? Can you do that rather quickly for us? Okay. Feel
21	free.
22	(background)
23	MS. THOMPSON: So, members of the Committee, what
24	you see on your screen here is just kind of a graphical
25	depiction of that area. I'll show you one other shot

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1 quickly.

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(to someone in background) Oh, thank you.

My apologies. That's better. So, what you're looking at here, members of the Committee, first I'll show you just a quick shot of the area that's highlighted. That would be the area that you would actually be able to select for the census blocks.

I know we ran into this issue a little bit in 8 9 Committee where the census block would be a bit larger or 10 would go through some kind of odd boundaries, where there weren't roads or natural boundaries. That's kind of the 11 12 case with Judson. Actually, the city of Judson didn't even 13 really show up with a city boundary designation on our 14 mapping software; that's probably one of the reasons we didn't really even notice we were splitting any kind of city 15 16 here.

17 For illustration purposes, I'll go ahead and zoom 18 in and you can see -- if you zoom way in. And if I turn it 19 on to the satellite mode, you can see that very small area there, this is the city of Judson. And you can see we have 20 21 some houses here and we have some houses here, which are on 22 these opposite sides. They're both in different districts. 23 And, so, in order to remedy that, the census blocks -- the smallest amount of census blocks I could click to 24 25 encompass all of the houses in that area we just viewed

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1	would highlight all of this red. That area that you're
2	looking at, if all of it were highlighted red, you can see
3	where there are pending changes. It's very small, so I'll
4	just read that for you. The population change in this red
5	highlighted area is 31 people.
6	And, so, if I zoom back out, what I actually did in
7	the amendment and I'm sorry this is a little sloppy
8	highlighting that I was just quickly doing here instead
9	of grabbing that entire red area that the census block
10	would've naturally grabbed with the software, I tracked the
11	old Highway 10, and then on an extended line, it hooks up
12	with 38th and then trails down over to 41st back up to
13	County Road 84. So, that's what you see described in your
14	amendment.

So, the amendment language doesn't match the census block designation because you can see a lot of these areas that the census block naturally grabbed didn't really follow much for natural boundaries. Some of them are just kind of going through a field. So, the amendment describes a bounded area that actually has roads you can follow.

But, again, the entire red area not scaled down by the bounded road is only 31 people. So, you can see when that change is made, the deviation for District 36, -3.85. That's still within range. The deviation for 31, -3.48. Also still within range. And, so, the deviations you're

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1	looking at on your screen here, that is including the change
2	of incorporating this area.
3	And I'd be happy to take any questions.
4	REP. DEVLIN: Are there questions for Emily?
5	SEN. HOLMBERG: Mr. Chairman?
6	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.
7	SEN. HOLMBERG: We had this problem back way many
8	years ago when Traill County was separated from Grand Forks
9	County. The town of Reynolds was is half in Grand Forks
10	County and half in Traill County. And after that particular
11	flap, we made sure that from then on, we didn't divide it
12	because it was very unnerving for a small city like that to
13	be divided that way. So, we've kept Reynolds whole since
14	then.
15	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl?
16	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank
17	you, Representative Kreidt for bringing this. It makes
18	total sense to me, and I understand better why we missed
19	that in our hearings. We thought we took care of most of
20	that.
21	Emily, my question is the purple area above there,
22	is that 33? Or what is the purple area?
23	MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Senator
24	Bekkedahl, I can go ahead and zoom in on that for you.
25	So, we're looking at 36, 31

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1	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Okay.
2	MS. THOMPSON: and then the purple area is 33.
3	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: So, my question is if you go back
4	to where you close in a little bit on that
5	MS. THOMPSON: Sure.
6	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: that little bit of white area
7	for District 31, that makes it look like 31 then wraps
8	around the change we're making there. Is there any census
9	blocks that could take us all the way up to the boundary of
10	33 without making a significant impact that makes it not
11	look like an island like that, but makes it a little more
12	contiguous? I'm just asking.
13	MS. THOMPSON: Certainly. Chairman Devlin, Senator
14	Bekkedahl, I can quickly check to see what census blocks we
15	have to work with in that particular area.
16	Mr. Chairman, Senator Bekkedahl, it looks like we
17	have another situation. I'm not entirely sure if this is a
18	river or if that's some other feature, but that census block
19	could be selected, as well. I can show you the deviation
20	with that change.
21	That would still be 31 people, so no or, excuse
22	me, an extra 6 people. So, 37 people would be the total in
23	that red highlighted census block. And we could certainly
24	make an adjustment there.
25	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Mr. Chair, if I may follow up?
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1	REP. DEVLIN: You may.
2	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Thank you.
3	So, is there a natural boundary that extends up
4	there, like a roadway that you were already showing us in
5	what you tried to do before that makes a natural boundary
6	line?
7	MS. THOMPSON: Sure.
8	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: I know that I'm asking a lot of
9	technical questions on the fly here, but you kind of did
10	that in your demonstration to us before. Is there
11	MS. THOMPSON: Mm-hmm.
12	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: instead of just following that
13	curved census block. Or, if you have to, I guess we could,
14	but
15	MS. THOMPSON: Yes. Mr. Chairman, Senator
16	Bekkedahl, it looks like we have possibly a creek it looks
17	like through the satellite image? But I don't see let me
18	check for the name to see if it's anything that's named
19	here.
20	REP. KREIDT: Mr. Chairman, if I could?
21	REP. DEVLIN: You may.
22	REP. KREIDT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23	Members of the Committee, I believe that is
24	Interstate 94, and on the north side of the interstate is
25	Sweet Briar Lake.
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1	MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Committee members,
2	that is correct. I have it showing on my screen here as
3	Sweet Briar Creek.
4	So, that could be a boundary that could be
5	followed. That creek boundary.
6	REP. DEVLIN: Further questions?
7	REP. KREIDT: Mr. Chairman, if I may. Moving that
8	line up the interstate, I would have no objection to doing
9	that and having that a part of District 36.
10	REP. DEVLIN: Further questions for Representative
11	Kreidt?
12	Being none, does the Committee wish to take action
13	on this now or do you wish to
14	REP. KREIDT: Mr. Chairman, I would move the
15	amendment the way it's up there.
16	SEN. OBAN: Mr. Chairman?
17	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Oban.
18	SEN. OBAN: Won't the language need to be adjusted
19	to now do what she just did for us on the screen? So, I
20	don't know that we should move language that does not
21	reflect that.
22	REP. DEVLIN: So, Senator Oban, you would like to
23	extend it all the way up as it was just discussed, not as it
24	was originally proposed?
25	SEN. OBAN: If that is what the Committee deems

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1	appropriate. I just didn't think we should move on
2	something that because what is on the screen right now is
3	not on paper. Is that correct?
4	MS. THOMPSON: Yeah.
5	SEN. OBAN: That's what I thought.
6	REP. DEVLIN: Committee, I have no problem with us
7	sitting on this a little bit because we have a lot of people
8	here to talk, but we'll get back to it yet today if that's
9	okay with everybody? Thank you.
10	REP. KREIDT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Committee
11	members.
12	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Kreidt, if we have
13	additional questions, we'll call you. Okay, thank you.
14	Senator Howard Anderson has a proposed amendment,
15	too. And I believe that is the one with the map?
16	SEN. ANDERSON: Thank you, Chairman Devlin and
17	members of the Redistricting Committee.
18	I have a little amendment here which comes at the
19	request of Beth Knutson, McLean County Auditor, who, by the
20	way, you've asked to work with five different districts to
21	prepare her ballots and so forth.
22	But this is a small amendment which straightens out
23	a little bit around the city of Washburn so that it makes it
24	a little bit easier for her at least to draw those ballots
25	in Washburn and the surrounding area.

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1	So, I think I want to thank Senator Oban, who
2	helped Beth prepare this with Emily, and I think my little
3	map here shows you some things, but I think Emily could
4	probably bring it up on the computer screen for you and make
5	it a little clearer.
6	It involves 15 people moving back and forth from
7	District 33 to District 8. And, by the way, it does not
8	affect the eighth district current senator. In fact, Shawn
9	Vedaa and I, who both being conservatives, have already
10	agreed that we will take one car and campaign together if we
11	run against each other.
12	(laughter)
13	SEN. ANDERSON: Thank you for your consideration,
14	and if you have any questions, I'll try to answer them or
15	ask Senator Oban to help me.
16	Emily, you're pulling that up for us?
17	MS. THOMPSON: Yes.
18	SEN. ANDERSON: Okay.
19	MS. THOMPSON: So, Chairman Devlin, Committee
20	members, what you see on your screen is the area in
21	question. We have District 6 in the blue here, District 33
22	in the purple, and the area that would be added to District
23	6 from District 33 is this area. I'll just highlight it in
24	red for you really quickly here.
25	So, you can see on your screen that red area is the

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1	proposed amendment moving that red area from the purple
2	District 33 over to what is now the white District 36 [sic].
3	And you can see with the pending changes if that change were
4	to be made, it's again only 15 people and both of those
5	deviations would stay within range. It would change from a
6	deviation of 4.33 in District 6 to 4.42. And in District
7	33, it would change from 4.21 to 4.12. So, just a very
8	slight change in the deviations there.
9	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Headland.
10	REP. HEADLAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think
11	it looks like it makes sense to me. If it's coming from the
12	Auditor, I think we should move it forward, so I would make
13	that motion.
14	SEN. HOLMBERG: Second.
15	REP. DEVLIN: Been motioned by Representative
16	Headland, seconded by Senator Holmberg that we move this
17	amendment forward. Any discussion?
18	Seeing none, do you wish to poll the Committee or
19	can I do it with a voice vote?
20	All those in favor signify by saying "aye."
21	ALL IN UNISON: Aye.
22	REP. DEVLIN: Opposed, "nay." Motion carried.
23	REP. ERTELT: Mr. Chairman?
24	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Ertelt.
25	REP. ERTELT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I received

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1	a couple amendments that I had spoke with Legislative
2	Council about drafting up, and I just received them this
3	afternoon, so I apologize that I don't have them
4	distributed, but they are very simple if you give me the
5	opportunity to explain them.
6	REP. DEVLIN: You may proceed.
7	REP. ERTELT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members
8	of the Redistricting Committee.
9	So, the two amendments that I have are actually
10	competing amendments, so if you were to consider or adopt
11	one of them, it would negate the other. And they simply
12	have to do with the threshold, if you will, that has to
13	determine when an election will take place.
14	So, on page 33, line 7 or line 6 and 7, is where
15	the number of votes that trigger that election is stated,
16	and right now it's at 4,144, which constitutes 25 percent.
17	And the proposal that I have in the amendment would reduce
18	that to 10 percent.
19	And the main reason and then just to talk about
20	the other amendment very quickly, the other amendment
21	reduces it altogether and it would be down to zero, meaning
22	every district would have an election in 2022.
23	The main reason to consider the amendments is the
24	idea of a disenfranchised voter. And, to me, the
25	definition, if you will, is one who is unable to vote for

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their representative. And that -- I believe that that's been the case for many redistricting sessions, if you will, where some people are being disenfranchised.

4 And the Committee -- and I would say that you have 5 taken measures to try and reduce that as much as possible --6 but at the 25 percent threshold -- and there may be other 7 small, I quess, minutiae of the bill that you have in front 8 of you that reduces that more. But just using the 25 9 percent threshold, there's as many as 30,000 voters -- or 10 residents, rather, who would be disenfranchised. They would 11 be stuck with legislators who they had no opportunity to vote for or against. And I think that that is something 12 13 that we should try and reduce as much as possible.

14 So, I have the two proposals. The one taking that 15 down to zero, having election in every district. And the 16 reasoning behind that would be that we're having elections in every legislative district anyhow. That's not 17 18 particularly for the legislators, necessarily, but it's going to be a statewide election, so there's going to be 19 elections administered anyhow. There's really no additional 20 21 cost to that. And, so, if we are just using a threshold, 22 we're kind of setting -- picking winners and losers in that 23 regard, and so I think that should be avoided, as well. If we go down to 10 percent, the reasoning behind 24 25 using that is the actual threshold of redistricting, as

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1	well, when it comes to the population. So, we're accepting
2	that districts may vary in size by plus or minus 5 percent,
3	so you get the 10 percent threshold, and, as a body, we've
4	done that I believe historically. And, so, I would
5	(inaudible) it to you that if we are going to have a
6	threshold, that it ought to match what we are doing
7	altogether in redistricting when it comes to the population
8	in each district, and that would be that 10 percent
9	threshold.
10	So, that's all I have to present to you, and I have
11	the documents here if you choose to take them up, I can
12	provide them.
13	REP. DEVLIN: Questions for Representative Ertelt?
14	Senator Holmberg or Council staff, 25 percent's
15	what we used 10 years ago. Is that correct?
16	MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the
17	Committee, that is correct.
18	REP. DEVLIN: Okay.
19	(background)
20	MS. THOMPSON: Yes. And it was 30 percent the time
21	before.
22	REP. DEVLIN: Okay. Thank you. Any further
23	questions?
24	Representative Schauer.
25	REP. SCHAUER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1	Representative Ertelt, you give this Committee a
2	choice, A or B, zero or 10 percent, but your argument is
3	disenfranchised voter. So, why wouldn't it be zero? Why
4	would there even be 10 percent? Is 10 percent okay to
5	disenfranchise those that percent of voters?
6	REP. ERTELT: Chairman Devlin and Representative
7	Schauer, what I've presented to you are two options. The
8	one option is zero, and right now it's at 25, so that's up
9	to you.
10	REP. DEVLIN: Any further questions for
11	Representative Ertelt?
12	Thank you.
13	REP. ERTELT: You bet.
14	REP. DEVLIN: We will see if the Committee wants to
15	deal with it.
16	Senator? Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Sorvaag, is this
17	a question for Representative Ertelt?
18	SEN. SORVAAG: No, but it has to deal with that.
19	REP. DEVLIN: Okay.
20	SEN. SORVAAG: I was looking through here. We have
21	version one and version two of the evenness districts when
22	you go into the minutes and stuff. Which one is what's
23	the difference in them and which one if you go into
24	redistricting and go scroll down not to go in where
25	the minutes are, all that and it shows a version one and

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1	a version two of the even numbered districts.
2	And I can find very little change, but I'm just
3	wondering why there's two versions.
4	MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Senator Sorvaag, I
5	believe the version one and the version two in the minutes
6	was there was a version one presented in the A.M in the
7	morning session of the Committee, and then we made the final
8	changes to the map and then we revised
9	SEN. SORVAAG: (in background) So, two is the
10	(inaudible)
11	MS. THOMPSON: Correct.
12	REP. DEVLIN: Sorry about that, Senator. You may
13	proceed.
14	SEN. MARCELLAIS: Thank you, Chairman.
15	Members of the Committee, I have a couple handouts
16	here. If that's okay, I can hand them out.
17	REP. DEVLIN: We have okay.
18	SEN. MARCELLAIS: You have them already?
19	REP. DEVLIN: No, maybe not that handout. I'm
20	sorry.
21	Senator Marcellais, we all have copies, I believe.
22	SEN. MARCELLAIS: I made 20 copies. Hopefully,
23	that's enough.
24	REP. DEVLIN: It should be. You may proceed.
25	SEN. MARCELLAIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1	Members of the Redistricting Committee, I'm here
2	this afternoon to testify on the amendments I just handed
3	out, 21.113.02006, Redistricting of District 9, and what I'm
4	recommending is that we consolidate this District 9 between
5	Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake. And I got a map on there
6	to show the reasons for that is our communities have many
7	shared interests and should be in a single district
8	together.

9 We are both recognized tribes -- federally 10 recognized tribes in the northeastern part of North Dakota and we both want to strengthen our inner tribal relations. 11 We have familiar economic interests that we want to 12 13 strengthen. We want to strengthen our tribal state 14 relations. We both deal with the federal government on a 15 government-to-government basis between Spirit Lake and Turtle Mountain. We have similar culture values. We have 16 17 similar political values. We both have educational issues, 18 which are tribal colleges and federal BIE, our Bureau of Indian Education schools. The State already treats us as 19 20 sister tribes in many respects, and our communities are 21 closely geographically about an hour away from each other. 22 In these communities, we would like to be the same 23 district, and with that, I have both tribal Chairmans here 24 to testify regarding this amendment, and I'll stand for any 25 questions.

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 2 REP. NATHE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 3 Senator Marcellais, why bring this to us now? We 4 met for a couple months this fall. Why didn't you bring 5 this to us then? 	
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5 this to us then?	Ľ
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6 SEN. MARCELLAIS: Well, Senator Nathe, Chairman,	
7 understand that you didn't visit the tribal nations so th	эу
8 could get their input in. And I was notified last week a	nd
9 asked if I would propose this amendment.	
10 REP. DEVLIN: Senator, to follow up on that a	
11 little bit, we opened it up to the tribal nations, like w	3
12 did every other citizen of the state; we made arrangement	3
13 through the Indian Affairs Commission for them to set up	
14 meetings with the tribes; we also, for the first time in	
15 history, added redistricting to the subject that the Trib	al
16 Relations Committee discussed with each of the tribes whe	n
17 they met with them, so I think it's unfair to say that th	эу
18 weren't given an opportunity to provide input as we went	
19 along.	
20 SEN. MARCELLAIS: Mr. Chairman, I'll let the	
21 Chairmans speak for themselves.	
22 REP. DEVLIN: Okay. Further questions?	
23 Seeing none. Okay.	
24 MR. YANKTON: Good afternoon, Senator, Chairman,	
25 and Representatives. So, my name is Douglas Yankton. I'm	

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1 the Chairman of the Spirit Lake Tribe.

2 I'm not going to reiterate anything else that 3 Senator Marcellais has already told you other than I think if you take a look at what was presented to you in the mappings 4 and the reasonings, and just to answer some of the other 5 questions in regards to some of the Committee meetings that 6 7 we have had prior to -- even before that, though, I 8 personally reached out to the district representative in my area as to, yes, the State was kind enough to reach out and 9 10 let us voice our concerns in regards to this issue. And my 11 response to that was why would it only have to be a few that 12 can afford to make it here to Bismarck for that purpose and 13 not come to my reservation or Turtle Mountain reservation or, 14 for that matter, any reservation in North Dakota to have more 15 than just me come and speak on behalf of this redistricting 16 issue that would wholeheartedly affect us. But you chose not 17 to. You said we had to come here. So, there's an issue 18 You said we can voice our concerns, but we had to there. 19 come here and we simply asked why couldn't that Committee 20 come to us?

So, with that, you know, like I said, I have my testimony here, but Senator Marcellais pretty much covered all of those issues. I'm not asking for a whole lot other than take a look at what we proposed. It's similar to what all the other gentlemen came here and asked all you guys, and

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1	[sic] because the majority of some of our people live within
2	the neighboring district that was like you know, so,
3	hopefully in the near future we can remedy that by moving
4	some people back home, but that's not, you know, an option
5	right now. It's still they'll be allowed to vote where they
6	live. And if that's the case where some of them are I don't
7	want to say "forced to," but have no choice but to live in
8	the Devils Lake district or even further southwest, they may
9	have to live in the other portion of another district. But
10	we not all of my tribal members live on the reservation.
11	It's unfortunate, but it will still help because about three-
12	quarters of them do live on the reservation out of 7500
13	people, so.
14	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.
15	SEN. HOLMBERG: Mr. Chairman, yeah, we did see that
16	as we were looking, for example
17	MR. YANKTON: Mm-hmm.
18	SEN. HOLMBERG: at Rolette County. The number
19	of Natives living on the reservation was smaller than, of
20	course, the population around there because the Native
21	population in Rolette County was interesting.
22	But I heard someone before another committee today
23	talking about their county being one district and the point
24	was that they were making was exactly opposite of the
25	position that you're taking because they were saying when we
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have our county divided in half, that means we have two senators looking out for the interest of our county and four representatives. And what you're -- under the plan that is -- that the Committee has passed, your reservation would have one senator and two representatives, and the district -- what is now District 9 would have one and two, so you would have, again, more.

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MR. YANKTON: Mm-hmm.

9 SEN. HOLMBERG: But what I find interesting is the 10 discussion earlier today was about, you know, don't keep our 11 county whole because this gives us much more leeway and much 12 more voice in the legislature, and what you're saying is put 13 all of the Natives in this area of the state into one 14 district with only one senator and two representatives.

MR. YANKTON: Yeah, I guess unfortunately that's kind of how it gets structured, you know. And you're going to have other districts where you're going to have multiple Republicans running for the same seat also, so it kind of is what it is.

REP. DEVLIN: Further questions?

21 Mr. Chairman, the one thing you brought up was --22 and which we tried to do -- was with your Devils Lake -- city 23 of Devils Lake situation, we considered that a community --24 interest -- like interest between the two so that you were in 25 with them because you had a lot of your members live in the

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city of Devils Lake --1 2 MR. YANKTON: Mm-hmm. 3 SEN. HOLMBERG: -- and that was what we tried to And we made sure that none of the reservation lines were 4 do. 5 split out. You see up there on that map, the land in Eddy County and a little bit of Nelson County is also with the 6 7 reservation land, so we really looked at trying to do that. 8 MR. YANKTON: Thank you. 9 REP. DEVLIN: But, you know, I appreciate your time 10 here and --11 MR. YANKTON: Okay. Just one note on top of that, 12 though, we may be a part of what they call the "Lake Region 13 Area," but how many of our people that live in that area take 14 the opportunity to want to maybe run for Senate or 15 representative seats in that area knowing that it would be 16 awful hard for them to get voted in? So, that's why we're 17 proposing this, where we can get more Natives to vote for if 18 Natives should so choose to run for those types of seats. 19 So, with that, thank you. 20 REP. DEVLIN: Thank you. 21 (background) 22 REP. DEVLIN : Oh, I'm sorry, we have one more 23 question, Mr. Chairman, if you don't mind. Representative 24 Nathe. 25 REP. NATHE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1	Can you give me the percentage in this new proposed
2	district what the percentage of the make up would be of the
3	population between it's on here? Oh, gotcha.
4	MR. YANKTON: Yeah.
5	REP. NATHE: Thank you. Sorry, I missed that.
6	MR. YANKTON: Okay. Yep. All righty. Anything
7	else?
8	REP. DEVLIN: Excuse me. Representative Headland -
9	- oh, okay.
10	MR. YANKTON: Thank you.
11	REP. DEVLIN: Thank you.
12	MR. AZURE: Members of the Redistricting Committee,
13	thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Jamie
14	Azure, and I am the Tribal Chairman of the Turtle Mountain
15	Band of Chippewa.
16	And it's actually good to see a lot of you again.
17	It's been a while. But it's always nice to see people again
18	after going through what we've gone through the last two
19	years.
20	So, as you know, a lot of the Turtle Mountain Band
21	of Chippewa has 30,000 tribal members; close to 20,000 on or
22	right off of our reservation. Our census numbers this year
23	may not reflect that, but that's a whole other discussion
24	that I think needs to happen across not only North Dakota,
25	not only the North Dakota tribes, but across this country.
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1	I don't want to reiterate a lot of what was said
2	between Chairman Yankton and Senator Marcellais. A lot of my
3	testimony would reflect a lot of what they had just
4	mentioned, especially with the facts that were presented.
5	But today I come before this Committee to ask that you honor
б	the request of the Turtle Mountain and the Spirit Lake tribes
7	to approve a legislative district that includes both of our
8	communities.

9 As you know, this request was submitted to the 10 legislature on November 1st through a joint letter from 11 Chairman Yankton and myself. I have attached a copy of the 12 letter to my testimony.

13 If approved, this district would be the first of 14 its kind in North Dakota by allowing two tribal nations to 15 share one voice in the State Senate and House elections.

16 I am very concerned about the Committee's proposed 17 District 9 that encompasses the Turtle Mountain reservation. 18 The Committee's proposed district would dilute the Native American vote, would not provide our tribal members with the 19 20 ability to elect the candidates of our choice, and, on the 21 other hand, a single district with Turtle Mountain and Spirit 22 Lake together would allow tribal members from both tribes to 23 elect their preferred candidates.

A lot of what I put in basically reiterates what Senator Marcellais had brought up ahead of me, but as you can

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1	see from our letter, adopting our proposed district would,
2	one, require very little change to the map already approved
3	by the Committee and comply with redistricting laws and not
4	require subdistricts.
5	I want to thank you for your attention, and I can
6	address any questions.
7	REP. DEVLIN: Questions for the Committee. Senator
8	Holmberg.
9	SEN. HOLMBERG: When you are talking about not
10	requiring subdistricts, you are talking about your area.
11	You're not taking your ideas and putting them over by
12	District 4. That's a totally separate issue. Is that
13	correct?
14	MR. AZURE: Absolutely. We are speaking directly
15	with Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake.
16	SEN. HOLMBERG: Thank you.
17	MR. AZURE: And if I could, I would like to add on
18	to one of the answers that or one of the questions that
19	was given to Chairman Yankton.
20	I don't see it as putting a minority into a larger
21	group. I see the proposed changes from the maps, when they
22	were finally given out to us, that it was diluting the voice
23	of the Turtle Mountains.
24	And I think with the timelines, it's important to
25	remember that Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake are two
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1	sovereign nations and sometimes it is a little tricky for our
2	two nations to come together to have that discussion and come
3	up with an agreement of how we would like to move forward.
4	It's not as easy as Chairman Yankton and myself just calling
5	each other up and saying, "Hey, you know what we should do is
6	we should try to redistrict together." So, it did take a
7	little time and we do apologize for coming in a little bit
8	later than what we would've liked to.
9	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.
10	SEN. HOLMBERG: I would also, though, go back and
11	ask you roughly the same question about the discussion
12	earlier today by someone who said when you have a group of
13	people that are interested and they have Senate and House
14	members and another group that has some of the same ideas
15	that have Senate and House, you have six total people that
16	might be interested in your issues versus only three that
17	might be interested.
18	MR. AZURE: That is true, but it is also very
19	important that we have somebody that is vested in our
20	interests, that we know will listen and will take our issues
21	forward.
22	REP. DEVLIN: Further questions?
23	Seeing none. Thank you for being here.
24	MR. AZURE: Thank you for your time.
25	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Nelson?

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1	REP. BOSCHEE: Representative Boschee.
2	REP. DEVLIN: Oh, I'm sorry. Representative
3	Boschee.
4	REP. BOSCHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
5	Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move Amendment 21-113-
6	02006, as presented by the Chairman of Spirit Lake Nation and
7	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.
8	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Boschee, could you
9	hold off for just a moment because I would like to have
10	Representative Nelson be able to speak
11	REP. BOSCHEE: Oh, I'm sorry.
12	REP. DEVLIN: being he's a legislator from that
13	district.
14	REP. NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
15	Representative Marvin Nelson from District 9, and
16	I'd like to, you know, answer a couple of the questions.
17	One was the timing. And when we look, you all on
18	this Committee know that we've never seen such a rushed end
19	of a census to try and redistrict before we do our
20	redistricting.
21	And the tribes didn't have the software. They had
22	to you know, if you just come and say, "Oh, we want this,
23	but we don't have the numbers and stuff." You know, a
24	consultant was hired; it took some time for everything. So,
25	all this takes time. And, so, here we come. I mean, this is

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1	only, what, a couple months after the data was finally
2	released? And in a normal year, it would've been released in
3	the spring and there would've been no problem getting this
4	done in time. And, so, that's the basic thing.
5	The other thing was discussions with tribal
6	relations. Due to the timing there, when they were in Turtle
7	Mountain, the big discussion was the census itself. I mean,
8	I don't know if all of you realize, but years ago the federal
9	government decided there would be no home delivery on
10	reservations, and they also decided there would be no home
11	delivery in small towns. So, in Rolette County, Rolla didn't
12	get and then the census decided that they would not mail
13	anything to a P.O. Box, so Rolla didn't get any forms, St.
14	John didn't get any forms, Dunseith didn't get any forms,
15	Rolette didn't get any forms, and Turtle Mountain didn't get
16	any forms. It guaranteed a significant undercounting of the
17	people of Rolette County. And then, due to COVID, there was
18	no door-to-door count taken at all.
19	And, so, according to the numbers, a county that
20	was significantly undercounted at our 14,000-and-something 10
21	years ago, now is down to 12,000. We're not down to 12,000.
22	We have more than enough people in Rolette County for a
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24 numbers are what the numbers are and we have to deal with 25 them.

legislative district. But I realize the problem is the

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1	But that was the discussion and that was the mental
2	problem that everybody had to go through that the numbers
3	aren't right, the numbers are very bad, and then they start
4	looking for what do we do with the numbers? And finally it
5	came up with the idea that they could combine the two tribes.
6	And, so, then they went out; you had to find somebody with
7	the software; you had to do everything together; and then
8	they came up with this district. And this only changes two
9	districts. I mean, really, relatively a minor change.
10	Ans when we talk lawsuits and everything, this is
11	what they're asking for. I mean, fundamentally, why not give
12	them what they're asking for. So, I would ask for the
13	Committee's consideration of this plan.
14	Thank you.
15	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Nelson, you said it
16	only affects two districts. I see potential to affect four.
17	So, what two are you talking about?
18	REP. NELSON: Well, okay, I'm thinking primarily
19	the Towner County/Cavalier County section that was going to
20	be in with Rolette County is now in Ramsey County. And, you
21	know, I guess I don't know in fact, it's a little out of
22	my area and, really, looking at the Committee, we don't
23	really have many people right in that area, but, yes, there's
24	a little segment of Pierce County. I'm quite familiar with
25	that. That's my dad's old commissioner district. And
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1	basically it comes down along the west side of Grass Lake
2	right by Wolford, and then it follows like the old railroad
3	track down to York, crosses Highway 2, and then heads south.
4	And, at that point, I'm not that familiar with those roads.
5	But what was done was to, you know, too, to get the tribal
6	interests and to create the population. So, yes, I guess
7	there probably is a little bit of the other districts
8	affected there, but I was thinking mostly from what the plan
9	has been for Rolette County.
10	But the fundamental thing is most of what was with
11	Ramsey County would now come with Rolette County with a
12	little continuant, and then what was going to be with Rolette
13	County goes down and is with Ramsey County. That's the
14	fundamental change here.
15	REP. DEVLIN: Thank you, Representative Nelson.
16	REP. NELSON: Thank you.
17	REP. DEVLIN: And when I look at it, too, I mean,
18	obviously, District 15 would have to go somewhere to find the
19	numbers they would need if you took the reservation out of
20	15, you know, and moved it into 9; 14 would have some issues
21	with numbers; and I think 19 might also be affected, which
22	also spreads that out. You know, there are several districts
23	that could be affected, but we don't know that.
24	REP. NELSON: Yeah.
25	REP. DEVLIN: Okay. Thank you.

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1	REP. NELSON: Thank you.
2	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Poolman.
3	SEN. POOLMAN: Mr. Chairman and Representative
4	Nelson, I just feel unsettled about this, and I'm hoping that
5	you can alleviate why I'm feeling unsettled.
6	I feel along the lines of Senator Holmberg's
7	question that if we had come up with this plan, it would look
8	like we were trying to pack them all into one district and to
9	marginalize them. And, so, it's hard for me to listen to
10	them ask to be marginalized, in my opinion, because of the
11	same point that Senator Holmberg made. And, so, I'm just
12	wondering if you can offer me some perspective in terms of
13	why. You know, I feel like if we had come up with this idea,
14	it would look terrible, but they're asking for this, and so I
15	feel unsettled about this. Can you make me feel better about
16	this?
17	REP. NELSON: Okay. Mr. Chairman and Senator
18	Poolman, well, if you look, according to the last census,
19	Rolette County was at 70 percent Native American vote. And
20	if you take this plan, according to the census, it's at 69.06
21	Native American vote. And, so, really, as far as the
22	percentage officially of Native Americans, it's exactly where
23	it's been for decades.
24	And, so, it's, you know you know, I mean, you
25	can always come with that, but I think it fundamentally still

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1	comes back to they're asking for it. And could people have
2	complained if you'd come up with this plan? I suppose they
3	could. They haven't in the past. I mean, they could've
4	complained before that you didn't split Rolette County so
5	they could've had more representation. They didn't. And,
6	so, they're used to having a tribally controlled district.

7 And, now, when we look at problems, I look at the 8 subdistricts, and it doesn't show on most of the maps very 9 well, but over in the Dunseith area, there's this really weird arm with this fist comes down into Dunseith. And I 10 11 have no idea how we're going to figure out which side of the 12 line people are on in time to reorganize the district or 13 anything. I mean, if you want something that looks like 14 gerrymandering, that's the best case I've seen this year. 15 And, so, that looks -- that's the one that looks really 16 strange.

So, it is unusual, this district, but I come back 17 18 to they're asking for this. And it's unfortunate that it 19 didn't maybe come forward faster, but, like I say, I think 20 that's all explainable if we just look at how the data was so 21 rushed this time, how the census data came out way later than 22 it's ever come, and the fact of, you know, you go from a 23 solid your own legislative district with a population 24 increase to suddenly you're taking on other districts outside 25 there, and there's a whole mental issue. And, as a

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1	government, we don't have dictators here, we have chairmen.
2	They have to have time to discuss it; they have to have time
3	to discuss it together; they have to have time to move
4	forward. And, so, really, this is coming very fast. But,
5	fundamentally, I think it comes down to giving them what
6	they're asking for.
7	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Nathe.
8	REP. NATHE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9	I do share Senator Poolman's comments. For some of
10	us that went to Salt Lake in July to NCSL on redistricting,
11	we talked about many different subjects and how to rate these
12	districts in a fair way.
13	One was packing, as Senator Holmberg said. This is
14	a classic case of packing. Other states have done this where
15	they've put all the minorities in one district to limit their
16	number of candidates and have lost in the courts by doing
17	that. I truly think if we were to adopt this plan, we would
18	be sued and we would lose this in the courts because that
19	law's been around 50 years.
20	And this looks like gerrymandering because you have
21	one Native population up north and one down south and then
22	you're making a corridor to connect. And we saw maps and we
23	heard discussions from lawyers all over the country against
24	this very thing.
25	So, I understand why they want to do it, and I

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1	understand the census problems, but it comes down to the law.
2	It comes down to Voter's Rights Act of 50-plus years. I
3	truly believe and any of the others that went to Salt Lake
4	can correct me but I believe this is against that law.
5	REP. NELSON: Well, Mr. Chairman, Senator or
6	Representative Nathe, you know, there have been a lot of
7	things done gerrymandering. And you're right, packing is one
8	way to do things and splitting is another way. But here,
9	again, even with the two reservations, we're only we're
10	not at a three-quarters majority. This isn't like this is an
11	80 or 90 percent majority.
12	And if you go the other way, I think officially,
13	basically, it's 50/50, isn't it? I mean, if we take the
14	numbers on the district, it's pretty borderline, actually,
15	whether you'd say they could choose their representative at
16	all.
17	So, I mean, I'm not one to threaten lawsuits or
18	anything, but it seems to me if you want to minimize the
19	likelihood of such, that basically you give people what they
20	want, and I think that's what this comes down to. I don't
21	think there's any chance
22	REP. NATHE: Well, Representative Nelson, we've
23	kind of been threatened with a lawsuit if we didn't
24	subdistrict because we didn't give enough people the
25	opportunity to run for office. What this plan does is

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1	minimize it. It actually makes less of a chance for Native
2	Americans to run for office. So, we either get sued on one
3	side or the other. I mean and that came from their one
4	lawyer who came here at a meeting that we had.
5	So, again, this is very well there's cases and
б	Council's got all this case study for years and years of this
7	stuff. So, it sounds like we're either damned if we do and
8	damned if we don't because the current plan that we adopted
9	will give Native Americans much more of a chance to run.
10	This plan minimizes that. Cuts it in half.
11	REP. NELSON: Well, that's your opinion, but I
12	would say that, you know, if you want to minimize the chance
13	of a lawsuit, you'd give the people what they want, what
14	they're asking for, so.
15	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Schauer.
16	REP. SCHAUER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17	Representative Nelson, the accusation from the
18	tribal leaders is that we're diluting the vote, and I'm not
19	the smartest guy in the world, but I think you're diluting
20	representation. And, so, my question for you, Representative
21	Nelson, was who are the consultants? Who came up with this
22	plan?
23	REP. NELSON: Mr. Chairman and Representative
24	Schauer, I just I don't know. I don't know their names.
25	I don't have that information. I just know that there was

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1	people hired, but that's all I know.
2	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Boschee.
3	REP. BOSCHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's not a
4	question for Representative Nelson, I think it's just a
5	response to some of the conversation.
6	I think some of the uneasiness we talk about around
7	packing, the difference is is whether or not we are
8	consulting with the people who are impacted. And what we've
9	heard from the Tribal Affairs Committee when we visited the
10	three reservations we've been to so far is that there's an
11	opportunity and we need to do a better job with the formal
12	term of consultation with our tribal governments. And I
13	think it's been said in this Committee, and I know it was
14	said specifically within the Tribal Affairs Committee, is
15	that our reservation leaders, whether it's tribal councils or
16	tribal chairs, have decided that they would much rather have
17	a relationship with our state government than the federal
18	government right now because of the history of our federal
19	government leaving tribal nations and tribal people behind.
20	And, so, similar to what Representative Nelson is
21	saying is this is a form of consultation. You know, we made
22	an effort through the Tribal Affairs Committee, and it sounds
23	like there's some disagreement on whether that was happening
24	or not, but, you know, as a member of that Committee, I know
25	we asked the questions and talked about redistricting; we've

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1	talked about it plenty in this Committee, but we are hearing
2	from those tribal leaders now. And the concern about
3	packing, while certainly there from a legal argument, the
4	defense of this Committee or of the legislative body is this
5	is actually what those two tribes asked for, and so I think
6	it waters down any concern we have there.
7	And the decision around whether you get two
8	senators and four representatives or one senator and two
9	representatives, they're hearing that argument and they're
10	still asking us to move forward with this.
11	So, I guess I just want to say that because I know
12	some people feel uneasy about it, but the biggest part is
13	that we are not doing we do not do a good job as a state
14	government of consulting with the tribal nations, and they
15	are here today asking for this. So, I think the fear of
16	packing or a lawsuit that follows with that is legitimate,
17	but also I have less concern about it because in any of our
18	defense is this is what was asked for by the leaders of those
19	nations.
20	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Monson.
21	REP. MONSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22	Representative Nelson, we were when we were
23	putting our plan together, we were asked to make
24	subdistricts. That's what they wanted and that's what we put
25	into this plan. So, now it's a whole different plan that

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1	they're saying they want. So, which is it?
2	REP. NELSON: Well, if I may, Mr. Chairman and
3	Representative Monson, it was my understanding that MHA
4	Nation wanted subdistricts, but I don't remember any other
5	I don't remember Turtle Mountain asking for subdistricts.
6	And I don't remember I remember Devils Lake kind of
7	asking, but then told they didn't have enough population.
8	So, the thing is, is that this is not this is these are
9	all independent. You can't, with tribal relations, assume
10	that because one tribe asks for something that another tribe
11	wants it. You really need to consult separately with each
12	tribe. There isn't a panacea position by the tribes. And,
13	so, here, what they're asking for is to be combined; MHA
14	Nation's asking for subdistricts.
15	REP. MONSON: May I continue? Thank you.
16	So, we were told during our deliberations when we
17	were putting this plan together that two of the tribes met
18	the threshold and actually would probably win in a court case
19	if we didn't subdistrict. So, we did subdistrict, and there
20	were requests from the tribes. I'm not sure exactly if it
21	was Turtle Mountain, but I know that the three affiliated
22	tribes was in and they were asking for subdistricts. And we

24 said, you know, we better put subdistricts together. So,

looked at the criteria that the courts were looking at and

25 that's what we did. That's how we got our plan.

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1	REP. NELSON: Yeah, if I may, I'm not casting
2	aspersions on what the Committee has done. It's the thing is
3	that this takes time and this is you know, they, as
4	nations, too like, here we are, we're finally having our
5	meeting and you're recommending as a Committee, but it's not
6	done until the whole body approves it. And the same way with
7	them. They have a government that takes time to operate.
8	And, unfortunately, this year with the way the data came out
9	and such, it was very congested. A very short period of
10	time.
11	And so, you know, I kind of respect that somebody
12	didn't just jump up and say, you know, "I speak for everybody
13	here." The tribes had consultations between themselves, they
14	came up with this idea, they went out and got somebody who
15	put this plan together with the population, and then here
16	they are now asking you to do this. And that's the long and
17	the short of it, so.
18	You know, I mean, you can look at a lot of these
19	things and wonder if there's a lawsuit, but, of course,
20	normally there isn't in the end. But, like was said, this is
21	what they're asking for. I would be very surprised with MHA
22	Nation if you gave them a subdistrict and then they sued
23	because they asked for a subdistrict. But, here, they're not
24	asking for a subdistrict, they're asking for a combined

25 district. So, I'd be very surprised if in the end they sued

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1	for the very thing that they asked for and without regard to
2	what any other lawsuits out there, you know, might say.
3	This is what the request is. This is what the
4	consultation is between our government and their government.
5	This is what their government has decided that it would ask
6	for us to do. And, so, that's just the government-to-
7	government relation. And, yeah, it's messy and it often
8	doesn't move as fast as we want, but that's what we have, so.
9	Thank you.
10	REP. DEVLIN: Any further discussion?
11	Thank you, Representative Nelson.
12	REP. NELSON: Thank you.
13	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Boschee, sorry to
14	interrupt your attempt to make a motion earlier, but I saw
15	Representative Nelson on his way to the podium, so.
16	REP. BOSCHEE: No, Mr. Chairman, I have to
17	apologize because I was looking this way. So, when you
18	called me when I thought you called me Representative
19	Nelson, I didn't know there was a Nelson on this Committee,
20	SO.
21	REP. DEVLIN: I'm not very good with Headland and
22	Nathe, but I'm okay with Boschee and Nelson.
23	REP. BOSCHEE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
24	I would like to move the amendment at the request
25	of the two tribal nations that have spoken in favor of

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Amendment 21.1113.02006. 1 2 SEN. OBAN: Second. 3 REP. DEVLIN: Seconded by Senator Oban. 4 Discussion? 5 REP. BOSCHEE: Mr. Chairman, not to belabor what I already said earlier, but much of my desire to do this is 6 7 based on the fact that I think that this is a form of 8 consultation. Our concerns around packing would, I assume, be alleviated with the fact that this is what's being asked 9 for by these two tribal nations, and so I think it's in 10 11 proper order. 12 The only question I would have for Council is based 13 on this amendment, I know the questions have come about the 14 neighboring districts. Do we have what the numbers and what 15 type of impact this would have if this was approved? 16 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Chairman Devlin, Representative 17 Boschee, yes, if I zoom in here on the map, you can see the 18 deviation for what would be the new District 9 is 4.6; the deviation for the neighboring District 15, 2.36; and the 19 20 deviation for that southern neighboring District 14, -2.42. 21 So, all of those deviations in the surrounding districts 22 based on the changes you're looking at on your screen are 23 within the acceptable range. 24 REP. BOSCHEE: Thank you. 25 REP. DEVLIN: Any further discussion on the motion?

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1	Seeing none, all those in favor of Representative
2	Boschee's motion, signify by saying "aye."
3	UNKNOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
4	REP. DEVLIN: All those opposed, "nay."
5	UNKNOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Nay.
6	REP. DEVLIN: Motion failed. Thank you.
7	Did anyone else bring in amendments? And I know
8	Representative Jones has a question on something, but I'd
9	like to wait a minute on that if I could.
10	Does anybody want to advance either of
11	Representative Ertelt's proposed amendments?
12	Seeing none. Okay.
13	Representative Jones?
14	REP. JONES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of
15	the Committee.
16	This redistricting, subdistricting is a real
17	rollercoaster for me and I appreciate the work that you're
18	all doing to try to get this figured out.
19	I was interested in how this last vote was going to
20	go because if it went the other direction, it would've been
21	leaving District 4 the only ones in the state that were
22	considering subdistricts. So, now we're back to two.
23	But I'm getting all kinds of calls for the
24	record, my name is Representative Jones from District 4
25	and I'm getting a lot of calls from my constituents asking me
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1 to please fight for all I can to stop the subdistricts. And 2 you guys have already voted on what we have in front of us, 3 and I was told today that we could divide it on the floor, 4 but it's messy to divide on the floor, so I'm coming back to 5 you to ask you to reconsider having the subdistricts for 6 District 4 and District 9.

7 When the tribal nations come here and what they're 8 asking for, they're wearing the hat as North Dakota citizens, not as tribes because tribes are taken care of through the 9 nation to nation relations. And discussions on when they're 10 11 asking for representation here, it's as North Dakota citizens 12 in state government of North Dakota. And it's kind of a hard 13 thing to keep separated, but I would ask the Committee to 14 remember that when they're here asking for subdistricts and 15 when they're here asking for what they're asking for, they're 16 not asking that as a nation, they're asking that as North Dakota citizens because they are taken care of as a sovereign 17 18 nation in their government-to-government discussions and it gets confusing. But I think it's very important because our 19 20 Constitution is what we're working under, and our 21 Constitution gives us the opportunity to be treated equally 22 under the law.

And I disagree with having subdistricts at this point in District 4, and I'm being asked by a bunch of my constituents to stop that because it is creating unequal

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treatment under the law because of the discussion that was
discussed by Senator Holmberg about we will have District 4
and District 9, the citizens in those districts are going to
only have one representative when everybody else in the state
will have two, and it is a fairness issue. A lot of them are
concerned about what kind of representation we will have in
those districts and they're asking please do not go down this
road. It's not equitable, it's not fair, and it is not equal
treatment under the law, and it's not something we want to do
in North Dakota.
So, I have an amendment I had it sent to the
Committee electronically that would strike out all of the
subdistrict language, and I would ask the Committee to please
consider doing that so that we can move forward with equal
treatment under the law. And I'd stand for any questions.
REP. DEVLIN: And, Committee, just as a word of
explanation here, when Representative Jones talked to me
before, I said we had already passed it, but I said he was
welcome to try to remove it on the House floor. And then he
said he ran into some problems with that.
I think, Senator Holmberg, you can address that,
maybe.
SEN. HOLMBERG: The subdivisions 4A, 4B, 9A, 9B can
be divided from the remainder of the bill. If you want to do

25 it, Legislative Council can help you put together the

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2 throughout our discussions because we knew as a Committed 3 I believe, that it was an issue that needed more discussion 4 than the typical things that we wanted to make sure the	on e ne
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4 than the typical things that we wanted to make sure the	ıe
5 bill was designed so it could be divided.	
6 Now, I'm not a lawyer, so I would rather have the	
7 lawyers tell me what is the language, but, as I understand	1
8 it, you can have this bill if this bill comes to the f	.00r
9 with all of these things in it already you can have it	
10 divided Division A, Division B, and it will be an up or do	own
11 vote on that particular issue.	
12 So, I think that portion is taken care of by how	V
13 the bill was drafted and that's what we were told.	
14 REP. JONES: Thank you. And if that's the case	,
15 then we will pursue that if the Committee chooses not to t	ake
16 this up. If you've been getting the kind of phone calls I	've
17 been getting, the vote was a close vote. I thought maybe	it
18 would be worth asking the Committee to please reconsider :	.t
19 if you can. If not, then we will pursue that avenue.	
20 Thank you for that information.	
21 REP. DEVLIN: Senator Holmberg.	
22 SEN. HOLMBERG: Then I will put you on the spot	,
23 The external boundaries of District 4, is that something t	hat
24 you, as a representative from that area, are comfortable	
25 with?	

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1	REP. JONES: Yes. You know, we just had minor
2	changes. We lost some down on the south end and there's been
3	a few changes. We've picked up Garrison. I'm comfortable
4	with the other changes.
5	I think the Committee's done excellent work. I
6	don't envy your job. And the only complaint I'm hearing from
7	my constituents is that the subdistricting is just not fair.
8	I've been telling them I think that I can probably win, even
9	if it's sub-districted. I've got a lot of friends in
10	District 4 and so, for me, it's not that big of a deal,
11	personally, but they are real upset about equal treatment, so
12	all I can do is ask the Committee to reconsider.
13	REP. DEVLIN: Any further questions?
14	(background)
15	REP. DEVLIN: Well, you know, it's the Chairman's
16	belief that this can easily be divided on the floor. I
17	wouldn't recommend it.
18	Representative Jones worked with a non-lawyer on
19	this. I would recommend that he work with Legislative
20	Council on this and they will draft it in the proper manner.
21	So, I see no problem doing that at all, Representative Jones.
22	It's easy to do if they draft it for you.
23	Any other discussion on this particular issue?
24	Seeing none, what else do we have for amendments?
25	Anybody else here today with an amendment?
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1	Emily or Sam, do either one of you have any other
2	amendments? I know there was talk one time about making some
3	changes within McLean County. Did anything ever get done
4	with that or did it get discussed any further?
5	MS. THOMPSON: Chairman Devlin, members of the
6	Committee, the only other issue that was raised and I
7	believe most of the Committee members were aware of this
8	issue is McLean County has kind of a five-way divide.
9	Now, Mary, if you could, mirror the screen one
10	moment.
11	So, the issue with McLean County I'll just zoom
12	in here is the issue with Wilton. And this was brought up
13	during the Committee, so I don't know if the Committee had
14	any desire to change this.
15	The city of Wilton is all within District 8 you can
16	see here, and so District 33 is in the position the
17	concerns raised by the County official is that this area
18	the north side of the city of Wilton would require McLean
19	County to administer those elections for just that small
20	portion of District 8. And, so, whether or not the Committee
21	has any desire to make any changes to that, that would be up
22	to the Committee, but I don't have any amendments to propose,
23	specifically.
24	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl.
25	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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1	So, is that the only intrusion into District 33
2	from Burleigh County? Is that what I'm seeing there?
3	MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Senator Bekkedahl,
4	that is correct. The only portion of District 8 that is
5	intruding into McLean County is just that one small area, the
6	north half of Wilton.
7	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: So, I guess my next question is
8	and I did get the e-mails and I was sympathetic to the
9	request there. I had asked Senator Poolman after I got the
10	request was there any reason why we put Wilton into District
11	8 versus District 33 and neither one of us could come up with
12	a reason why we did that other than does it skew the numbers
13	too far one way or the other in 33 or 8 if we move it into
14	33?
15	MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Senator Bekkedahl, I
16	can pull that up on the screen and show you how those numbers
17	would change if we put that top northern part of Wilton into
18	District 33 so you can see those deviations.
19	SEN. OBAN: Mr. Chairman.
20	(background)
21	MS. THOMPSON: So, here on your screen, you can see
22	I've highlighted that red area that would be the subject of
23	the area that would be moving. And if I turn on our pending
24	changes here, you can see the population in that red
25	highlighted area is 530 people. So, if I would accept that

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1	change to show you what those deviations would change to, you
2	can see that District 33 goes above the threshold. It's now
3	at 7.32 percent above the 5 percent target range the
4	Committee was looking at, and so other adjustments would have
5	to be made in addition to just moving that one area. And,
6	so, that would be kind of a policy decision that the
7	Committee would need to make if they decide they want to
8	split that city of Wilton along the county boundary.
9	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl.
10	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, that
11	answers my question. Thank you, Emily.
12	I think that's probably the reason why we did it in
13	the first place, so. It doesn't answer the concerns of the
14	McLean County Auditor, but it answers the reasoning why we
15	did what we did. Thank you.
16	SEN. OBAN: Mr. Chairman.
17	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Oban.
18	SEN. OBAN: I would just insert myself since we
19	were in a discussion about how we were trying to alleviate
20	the pressures in the middle and that I had brought forward in
21	that small discussion the idea that it would require shifting
22	of a few other districts, but it was opposed because of
23	somebody's supporter who they wanted in District 31. So,
24	that was the reasoning I was told that we could not make
25	adjustments for the city of Wilton because it affected a
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1	supporter who wanted to be in District 31.
2	REP. DEVLIN: Moving along, I see no way to change
3	that without making the numbers skyrocket. I mean, I don't
4	think we want to go there, so.
5	What else what other amendments, what other
6	discussion for the Committee? I guess where I'm at,
7	Committee, I mean, are you prepared to move this forward
8	today to the legislature or do you want to sleep on it? We
9	got to come back tomorrow, but
10	REP. BELLEW: Mr. Chairman?
11	REP. DEVLIN: Yes.
12	REP. BELLEW: I would have a minor tweak as soon as
13	I can get Council to draft it.
14	REP. DEVLIN: What does your minor tweak do?
15	REP. BELLEW: Well, it's the language in District
16	5, Mr. Chairman.
17	REP. DEVLIN: Does it involve your household?
18	REP. BELLEW: Maybe.
19	(laughter)
20	REP. BELLEW: No, I'm kidding.
21	REP. DEVLIN: Go ahead. Go ahead.
22	REP. BELLEW: It's on page 4, line 13. It says
23	well, we'll start with 12. It says, "by a line commencing at
24	the point of the centerline of Sixteenth Street Northwest,
25	intersects with the centerline of Third Avenue." That should

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1	be Fourth Avenue. It has to be Fourth.
2	(background)
3	REP. BELLEW: Well, if it's a typo, that's fine.
4	(background)
5	REP. BELLEW: Okay. And, also, to continue with
6	that, "then east on Fourth Avenue Northwest until the
7	intersection with the centerline of Third Avenue Northwest,
8	then east until its intersection with the centerline of US
9	83." That's the way it was last 10 years ago and that's
10	the way it was supposed to be this time. If it's a typo,
11	that's fine.
12	REP. DEVLIN: So, in your opinion, that's a minor
13	tweak?
14	REP. BELLEW: Yeah.
15	REP. DEVLIN: Okay.
16	REP. BELLEW: It is.
17	REP. DEVLIN: Emily or Sam, either one of you
18	REP. BELLEW: I kind of explained it to Emily and -
19	-
20	REP. DEVLIN: Yeah.
21	REP. BELLEW: she thought it was wonderful.
22	REP. DEVLIN: I don't think so. Go ahead, Emily.
23	You can defend yourself.
24	MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Representative Bellew,
25	I'm just pulling that up on the screen now. We can see the

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1	language compared to the roads and see if we have an issue
2	there.
3	Representative Bellew, will you repeat just those
4	changes?
5	(background)
6	MS. OBAN: That was me. I'm just trying to
7	remember what you said.
8	(background)
9	MS. OBAN: Nope, I don't want to see the picture,
10	tell me the words.
11	UNKNOWN MALE: (in background) The verbal. The
12	verbal.
13	MS. OBAN: Yep.
14	REP. BELLEW: (in background) Okay. Yeah, Third
15	and Fourth.
16	MS. OBAN: Just Third to Fourth?
17	REP. BELLEW: (inaudible)
18	MS. OBAN: Okay.
19	REP. BELLEW: (inaudible)
20	MS. THOMPSON: Okay.
21	REP. BELLEW: And if you'd like, Mr. Chairman, I
22	can show you what I mean on the screen.
23	REP. DEVLIN: Well, Representative Bellew, I
24	thought it was a minor tweak (inaudible)
25	REP. BELLEW: It is. It is.

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1	REP. DEVLIN: we could probably just deal with
2	it quickly
3	REP. BELLEW: Okay.
4	REP. DEVLIN: instead of holding it over.
5	REP. BELLEW: That's fine.
6	REP. DEVLIN: But it may be more involved than
7	that, then I don't want to rush it.
8	REP. BELLEW: Well, I'd ask Council, but I don't
9	think it's
10	(background)
11	REP. BELLEW: Nobody gets moved. They just did the
12	wrong
13	(background)
14	REP. BELLEW: nobody gets moved because they
15	just used the wrong language.
16	MS. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, Committee members, I
17	believe we have the area we're looking at up on the screen.
18	So, it is the 83 Bypass. So, here we go.
19	REP. BELLEW: No, you're going the wrong way,
20	Emily.
21	MS. THOMPSON: Is this the area?
22	REP. BELLEW: No, don't go north. It's right here.
23	See, they got Third Avenue instead of Fourth Avenue.
24	MS. THOMPSON: Okay.
25	REP. BELLEW: It's supposed to be Fourth Avenue.
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1	MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman and Representative
2	Bellew, this was kind of an interesting situation if you
3	it's very difficult I'm sorry to see on the screen.
4	We have kind of dual labels on our mapping
5	software. We have both Fourth Avenue Northwest tagged here
6	and a Third Avenue Northwest
7	REP. BELLEW: Just so the Committee knows
8	MS. THOMPSON: Fourth and Third, so.
9	REP. BELLEW: Third Avenue comes down and that's
10	where it joins there.
11	MS. THOMPSON: Looks like it turns into Third. Is
12	that what you're saying?
13	REP. BELLEW: Turns into Third there.
14	MS. THOMPSON: Okay. We can make that modification
15	to match the previous language.
16	REP. BELLEW: It's really simple.
17	MS. THOMPSON: Yeah. A bit of a confusing image
18	when they have those dual labels.
19	REP. BELLEW: No, they were wrong totally.
20	MS. THOMPSON: So, yes, thank you.
21	REP. BELLEW: Okay.
22	REP. DEVLIN: So, that's just a technical
23	correction.
24	MS. THOMPSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we can make that.
25	REP. BELLEW: Okay. And that's fine.
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1	REP. DEVLIN: Okay. So, then, I'll get back to
2	what is the Committee's wishes? Do you want to move this
3	bill forward? We will have to come back tomorrow morning to
4	do the bill that came through the Delayed Bills Committee,
5	but that doesn't affect this. So, I mean, if we want to get
6	it
7	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Mr. Chairman?
8	REP. DEVLIN: Senator Bekkedahl.
9	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Were we still waiting on the
10	language for Senator Kreidt's amendment? We haven't dealt
11	with Senator Kreidt's amendment. We were waiting on specific
12	language alterations to his request.
13	REP. DEVLIN: I thought
14	(background)
15	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: When I requested that we move up
16	to the district line boundary.
17	REP. DEVLIN: Yeah. Okay.
18	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: And I don't know if obviously,
19	Staff's been here with us. I don't know that they've had
20	time to do that, so.
21	MS. THOMPSON: Yes. Mr. Chairman, Representative
22	Bekkedahl, we've been trying to work on it a little bit while
23	in Committee, but would require just maybe a small break
24	possibly if you want this specific language drafted as a
25	Committee bill with that corrected language.

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1	REP. DEVLIN: Representative Headland.
2	REP. HEADLAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
3	Well, Mr. Chairman, if final approval would involve
4	the discussion with the bill we're going to hear tomorrow, it
5	would just make sense to hold off on that vote until after,
6	wouldn't it?
7	REP. DEVLIN: Yeah, the bill tomorrow has nothing
8	to do with the redistricting plan. I mean, it isn't going to
9	be part of the plan. It was just another bill that was
10	assigned to the Redistricting Committee.
11	So, to my knowledge, the only thing that's left is
12	what Senator Bekkedahl just mentioned. But I'm fine if you
13	want to hold it over. I just thought we've got to have this
14	one day between each thing, so if the House could actually
15	vote on it tomorrow, you would have it Wednesday in the
16	Senate, and you'd be happy, and then you'd be pretty much
17	adjourned for the week.
18	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would always
19	defer to leadership of both chambers on this issue, but my
20	take would be if we can wait a little bit
21	REP. DEVLIN: Yeah.
22	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: and get it done and not destroy
23	the rest of this day's agenda doing it
24	REP. DEVLIN: Right. Yeah.
25	SEN. BEKKEDAHL: we should wait.

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1	REP. DEVLIN: I have no problem with that. We'll
2	get that map thing made in the morning, and if that is all
3	we'll probably have to look at, then just move ahead with
4	this and then we'll get Representative Lefor's bill that came
5	through Delayed Bills.
6	So, Committee, I think unless somebody has
7	something, I think that's it. I know many of you are going
8	in to other committees at 4:30, so we will be adjourned for
9	the day. (bangs gavel)
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Plaintiffs	4/08/2019	Matthew Campbell	Email -	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000001 - 02		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between
		Jacqueline DeLeon (Attorney);				attorneys and client
						regarding case subject
		Chairman Douglass Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)				matter and strategic
Plaintiffs	4/22/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email -	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	planning (AC) Confidential
PRIV_000003-05	4/22/2021	(Attorney);	Redistricting	KFP INO. 9	CLIENT	(AC) Confidential
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		Chairman Jamie S. Azure				regarding case subject
		(Turtle Mountain Tribe)				matter and strategic
						planning
Plaintiffs	6/17/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email -	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000006-07		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between
		Chairman Douglas Yankton	C C			attorneys and client
		(Spirit Lake Nation)				regarding setting up a
						meeting to discuss case
						subject matter and strategic
						planning
Plaintiffs	6/28/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email -	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000008-12		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between
		Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle				attorneys and client regarding setting up a
		Mountain Tribe);				meeting to discuss case
		Corey LaVallie (Turtle				subject matter and strategic
		Mountain Tribe);				planning
Plaintiffs	8/25/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email -	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000013-17		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between
		Chairman Douglas Yankton	Ŭ			attorneys and client
		(Spirit Lake Nation);				regarding case subject
						matter and strategic
		Collette Brown (Plaintiff)				planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000018-23	9/03/2021	Michael Carter (Attorney); Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email - Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000024-33	9/14/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000034-38	9/14/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Corey LaVallie (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email - Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000039-54	9/14/2021	Michael Carter (Attorney); Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000055-57	9/14/2021	Michael Carter (Attorney); Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000058-65	9/27/2021	Michael Carter (Attorney); Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000066-69	9/27/2021	Michael Carter (Attorney); Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000070-79	9/28/2021	Michael Carter (Attorney); Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000080-87	10/20/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000088-99	10/22/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000100-111 Plaintiffs	10/22/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe) Matthew Campbell	Email – Redistricting Email –	RFP No. 9 RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential
PRIV_000112-116		(Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000117-125	10/29/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000126-129	10/29/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000130-132	10/29/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000133-135	10/29/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000136-144	10/30/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000145-147	10/30/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000148-152	11/01/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs	11/01/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email –	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000153-154		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between
		Michael Carter (Attorney);				attorneys and client
						regarding setting up a
		Chairman Jamie Azure				meeting to discuss case
		(Turtle Mountain Tribe);				subject matter and strategic
		Chairman Douglas Yankton				planning
		(Spirit Lake Nation)				
Plaintiffs	11/01/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email –	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000155-158		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between
		Michael Carter (Attorney);				attorneys and client
						regarding setting up a
		Chairman Jamie Azure				meeting to discuss case
		(Turtle Mountain Tribe);				subject matter and strategic
		Chairman Douglas Yankton				planning
		(Spirit Lake Nation)				
Plaintiffs	11/01/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email –	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000159-163		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between
		Michael Carter (Attorney);	_			attorneys and client
		× 57				regarding setting up a
		Chairman Douglas Yankton				meeting to discuss case
		(Spirit Lake Nation)				subject matter and strategic
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Plaintiffs PRIV_000164-167	11/02/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000168-169	11/02/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000170-172	11/03/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000173-181	11/05/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe);	Email – Redistricting and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000182-190	11/05/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000191-193	11/05/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000194-206	11/08/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Redistricting and Attachments 1, 2, & 3	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 -3 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000207-209	11/24/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Corey LaVallie (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Elmer Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys, client representatives, and Tribal attorney regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs	11/24/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email –	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000210-211		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between attorneys, client
		Corey LaVallie (Turtle Mountain Tribe);				representatives, and Tribal attorney regarding setting
		Elmer Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe);				up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic
		Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)				planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000212-213	11/29/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney);	Meeting Invite - Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between
		Michael Carter (Attorney);				attorneys, client representatives, and Tribal
		Corey LaVallie (Turtle Mountain Tribe);				attorney regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case
		Elmer Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe);				subject matter and strategic planning
		Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)				
Plaintiffs PRIV_000213-214	11/29/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email –	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between
FRIV_000213-214		(Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENI	attorneys and client
		Chairman Douglas Yankton				regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case
		(Spirit Lake Nation)				subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs	11/29/2021	Matthew Campbell	Email –	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000215-217		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between
		Michael Carter (Attorney);				attorneys and client regarding setting up a
		Corey LaVallie (Turtle Mountain Tribe);				meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic
		Elmer Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe);				planning
		Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)				
Plaintiffs	12/08/2021	Matthew Campbell	Meeting Invite –	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000218		(Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	communication between attorneys and client
		Michael Carter (Attorney);				regarding setting up a
		Collette Brown (Plaintiff);				meeting to discuss case
		Chairman Douglas Yankton				subject matter and strategic
	10 (10 (000)	(Spirit Lake Nation)				planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000219-222	12/13/2021	Matthew Campbell (Attorney);	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between
FRIV_000219-222		(Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney);	Redistricting		CLIENT	attorneys and client
		Elmer Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe);				regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic
		Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)				planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000223-227	1/04/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and
Plaintiffs PRIV_000228-235	1/04/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Elmer Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	strategies (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000236-242	1/04/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Elmer Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Kenneth Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys, client representatives, and tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000243-244	1/12/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Meeting Invite – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000245-246	1/12/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000247	1/12/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000248-249	1/12/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000250-253	1/12/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Redistricting	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000254-255	1/12/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000256-261	1/13/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000262-270	1/13/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Corey LaVallie (Turle Mountain Tribe); Elmer Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Kenneth Davis (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys, client representatives, and tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000271-272	1/14/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9		(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000273-275	1/14/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential document attached to email that is part of the discussion between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product created in connection with a filing in the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_000276-282	1/19/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000283-289	1/19/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000290-297	1/19/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning(AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000298-311	1/20/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email - Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000312-316	1/20/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000317-319	1/21/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000320-321	1/21/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000322	1/22/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Meeting Invite – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000323-332	1/23/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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PRIV_000333-340		Zachery King (Plaintiff)	and Attachment 1		CLIENT	communication between attorneys and client
					ATTORNEY	forwarding attachment
					WORK	regarding case subject
					PRODUCT	matter and strategic
						planning
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Plaintiffs	1/24/2022	Matthew Campbell	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY	(AC) Confidential
PRIV_000341-344		(Attorney);	and Attachment 1		CLIENT	communication between
		Michael Carter (Attorney);			ATTORNEY	attorneys and client forwarding attachment
		Chairman Douglas Yankton			WORK	regarding case subject
		(Spirit Lake Nation);			PRODUCT	matter and strategic
		Collette Brown (Plaintiff)				planning
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Plaintiffs PRIV_000345-354	1/24/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000355-362	1/24/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000363-370	1/25/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000371-372	1/25/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000373-381	1/25/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000382-386	1/27/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000387-395	1/27/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000396-399	1/27/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and
Plaintiffs PRIV_000400-411	1/31/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe);	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1, 2, & 3	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	strategies(AC) Confidentialcommunication betweenattorneys and clientforwarding attachmentsregarding case subjectmatter and strategicplanningAttachments 1 -3 (AWP)Confidential Attorney WorkProduct showing ideas andstrategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000412-422	2/04/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Jacey L. Trottier (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000423-425	2/07/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000426-470	2/08/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000471-515	2/08/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_000516-560	2/08/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000561-605	2/08/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_000606-650	2/08/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000651-660	2/15/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000661-670	2/15/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000671-680	2/15/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000681-690	2/15/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000691-698	3/08/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys, client representatives, and Tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000699-705 Plaintiffs PRIV_000706-721	3/08/2022 3/08/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe Matthew Campbell (Attorney);	Email – Litigation Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9 RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys, client representatives, and Tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential communication between
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Plaintiffs PRIV_000722-737	3/08/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_000738-743	3/08/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email - RE: Filed - ND Redistricting Case	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000744-758	3/08/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000759-774	3/08/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_000775-790	3/08/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000791-800	3/09/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachments 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_000801-809	3/09/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_000810-818	3/30/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys, client representatives, and Tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000819-827	3/30/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_000828-874	5/14/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000875-921	5/14/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_000922-978	5/14/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Jacey L. Trottier (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachments regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachments 1 & 2 (AC) Confidential documents showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_000979-1003	5/24/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_001004-1028	5/24/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001029-1053	5/24/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_001054-1078	5/24/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001079-1112	5/24/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Jacey L. Trottier (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_001113-1115	6/22/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client representatives regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_001116-1118	6/22/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential document attached to email that is part of the discussion between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_001119-1121	6/22/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client representatives regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001122-1124	6/22/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client representatives regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_001125-1136	6/22/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Jacey L. Trottier (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client representatives regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_001137-1141	7/07/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001142-1156	7/07/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Plaintiffs PRIV_001142-1156.pl (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_001157-1172	7/07/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001173-1188	7/07/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_001189-1204	7/07/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001205-1229	7/07/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Jacey L. Trottier (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email - Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_001230-1231	7/08/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation) Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Jacey L. Trottier (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email - Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001232-1236	7/11/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Timothy Purdon (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation) Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe); Jacey L. Trottier (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client representatives regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_001237-1241	7/20/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_001242-1257	10/22/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Jamie S. Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client regarding setting up a meeting to discuss case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001258-1266	10/29/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Chairman Douglas Yankton (Spirit Lake Nation) Chairman Jamie Azure (Turtle Mountain Tribe);	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies
Plaintiffs PRIV_001267-1301	11/22/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachment 1 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies Attachment 2 - (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001302-1303	11/29/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email - Litigation	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and Tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_001304-1338	12/01/2022	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1 & 2	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachment 1 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies Attachment 2 - (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case

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	Michael Carter (Attorney);	Email – Litigation	RFP No. 9		
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	Zachery King (Plaintiff)	and Attachment 1 & 2		ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachment 1 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies Attachment 2 - (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001409-1459	12/06/2022	Matthew Campbell (Attorney); Michael Carter (Attorney); Alysia LaCounte (Attorney, Turtle Mountain Tribe)	Email – Litigation and Attachment 1, 2, & 3	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT	 (AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and client forwarding attachment regarding case subject matter and strategic planning Attachment 1 (AWP) Confidential Attorney Work Product showing ideas and strategies Attachments 2 & 3 - (AC) Confidential document showing attorney thoughts and impressions regarding the case
Plaintiffs PRIV_001460-1464	Various Dates	Michael Carter (Attorney); Collette Brown (Plaintiff)	Text Communication	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and Tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning
Plaintiffs PRIV_001465	Various Dates	Michael Carter (Attorney); Wes Davis (Plaintiff)	Text Communication	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and Tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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Plaintiffs PRIV_001466	Various Dates	Michael Carter (Attorney); Zachery King (Plaintiff)	Text Communication	RFP No. 9	ATTORNEY CLIENT	(AC) Confidential communication between attorneys and Tribal attorney regarding case subject matter and strategic planning

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EXHIBIT 6

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA

TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil No. 3:22-cv-00022-PDW-ARS

MICHAEL HOWE, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFFS' WITNESS LIST

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3), and this Court's Pretrial Order, ECF

34, Plaintiffs hereby identify the following witnesses who Plaintiffs will call at trial and may call

at trial if the need arises. Unless otherwise noted, all witnesses would testify live at trial.

Witness	Witness Type	Will Call	May Call	Est. Time
Dr. Loren Collingwood	Expert	X		3:00
Dr. Dan McCool	Expert	X		2:00
Dr. Weston McCool	Expert	X		1:00
Douglas Yankton	Fact	X		0:50
Chairman Jaime Azure	Fact	X		0:50
Collette Brown	Fact	X		0:40
Lonna Jackson Street	Fact		х	0:20
Wesley Davis	Fact		х	0:10
Zachary King	Fact		х	0:10

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Senator Richard Marcellais	Fact	X	0:30
Representative Marvin Nelson	Fact	X	0:30
Representative Bill Devlin ¹	Fact	x	0:20

In addition to the foregoing individuals, Plaintiffs reserve the right to and may call all persons identified or called by Defendant, as well as any person needed for impeachment or rebuttal. Plaintiffs furthermore reserve the right to amend this witness list with appropriate notice to Defendant.

May 25, 2023

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¹ Subject to the resolution of Rep. Devlin's petition for mandamus to the Eighth Circuit, Plaintiffs may call Rep. Devlin live or in the alternative by video deposition.

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