

Approved: May 4, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. on May 2, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Craig Callahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Theresa Kiernan, Committee Assistant

Others Attending:

See Attached List

The Chairperson noted that **SB 470–Congressional redistricting** would implement the map designated as Sunflower 13 (Attachment 1).

The Chairperson opened the public comment portion of the meeting on **SB 470**.

There were no comments offered by the members of the public and the Chairperson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

The Chairperson asked for Committee discussion on **SB 470**.

Senator Petersen noted that one of the Indian Reservations would be split between Congressional Districts if the bill was enacted.

In response to a question raised by Senator Holland concerning the purpose of meeting on **SB 470**, the Chairman stated the House had deleted the provisions of **SB 344–Congressional redistricting**, which would have implemented the Senate's plan for the new Congressional District boundaries. He added that since **SB 344** had passed out of the Senate, some issues had arisen in regard to the Senate's proposal. **SB 470** was drafted as a compromise proposal. He stated under **SB 470**: Osage, Coffey, Harper, Kingman, Stafford, Pratt, Barber, Edwards, Kiowa and Pawnee Counties would be located in the First Congressional District; Riley County would be located in the Second Congressional District; and Montgomery, Wilson and Woodsen Counties would be located in the Fourth Congressional District.

In response to a question raised by Senator Holland, the Chairman stated the House's position is the map designated as Bob Dole 1.

In response to a request by Senator Hensley, Senator Reitz (who was in the audience) stated he supported the proposal contained in **SB 470**. He believes it is in the best interest of Riley County and of the state as a whole that Riley County be located in the Second Congressional District. He added that he believes the proposal provides for compact Congressional Districts.

Senator Umbarger stated he would support the proposal contained in **SB 470**, but would prefer that Woodsen, Wilson, Montgomery, Greenwood, Elk and Chautauqua Counties be located in the Second Congressional District.

There was no further discussion by the Committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to **HB 2329—Allowing the Kansas bureau of investigation to access expunged records under certain circumstances and creating a petition for relief of disabilities procedure for the purposes of firearm ownership by the mentally ill.** The Chairman stated it was his desire that the Committee take action on **HB 2329.**

*Senator Vratil moved, Senator Umbarger seconded, to amend **HB 2329** by introducing a substitute bill which strikes all of the current provisions of **HB 2329** and inserts all of the current provisions of **SB 470.***

In response to concerns raised by Senator Wagle, the Chairman stated he believed Congressman Pompeo would not oppose the proposed plan.

The motion to amend was adopted.

*Senator Vratil moved, Senator Umbarger seconded, that **Senate Substitute for HB 2329** be passed. The motion was adopted.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.