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2                   IN THE MATTER OF  
3                   THE JOINT REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE  
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5                   Notice of Public Meeting for the  
6                   Report on Census Data, Statewide and District  
7                   Population Changes (2000-2010), Progress and Status  
8                   of the Redistricting Application and the  
9                   Demonstration of Redistricting Website  
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13   BEFORE:   CHRIS JONES, CHAIRMAN  
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3 THE CHAIRMAN: I will call the Joint  
4 Reapportionment Committee -- if I can get everyone's  
5 attention, please. Thank you. I would like to call  
6 the Joint Reapportionment Committee to order. We  
7 have some business this morning. Before we get  
8 started I would like the individual members of the  
9 committee to introduce themselves. I am Chris Jones  
10 from the 76th District. I'm chairman of the  
11 committee.

12 MS. HOWELL: Hi, I'm Janet Howell. I  
13 represent part of Fairfax County in the senate, and  
14 I'm co-chair of this committee.

15 MR. ALBERTS: Delegate Robert Alberts, 58th  
16 District which is in and around Alma County.

17 MR. ALBO: Dave Albo, 42nd District, which  
18 is the southern tip of Fairfax County.

19 MR. JOANNOU: Johnnie Joannou, 79th  
20 District, which includes part of Norfolk, part of  
21 Portsmouth, part of Chesapeake.

22 MS. DANCE: Good morning. I am Rosalyn  
23 Dance, representing the 63rd House District, that is  
24 the county of Dinwiddie, parts of Chesterfield  
25 County, and the city of Petersburg.

1           MR. DEEDS: Creigh Deeds, I am the 25th  
2           Senatorial District.

3           MR. MARTIN: I am Steve Martin, 11th Senate  
4           District, and I am most of Chesterfield, and all the  
5           city of Colonial Heights.

6           THE CHAIRMAN: On the agenda today we have  
7           several items. Before we get to the agenda I want  
8           to kind of give an overview of what we have done in  
9           the past. This is our third meeting.

10          We first met on December 17th here at the  
11          GAB, and we went over items, items for preparation  
12          of the receipt of the Census data. Then we met  
13          again on February the 7th after we had received the  
14          data.

15          We felt it would be important prior to  
16          leaving our regular session to have the staff update  
17          us on the Census data, report on the population  
18          changes to our districts for the house, senate, and  
19          congressional districts, report on the progress of  
20          redistricting application, demonstration of our  
21          Website for the 2011 redistricting cycle. Then we  
22          will have at the end the public comment period.

23          With that, I'm not sure if Jack is going to  
24          lead off, Jack Austin from the Second Floor, as we  
25          like to call him.

1 Jack, good morning.

2 MR. AUSTIN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. I  
3 am Jack Austin with the Division of Legislative  
4 Services. And my part will be to report on some of  
5 the progress of some of the issues with the Census  
6 data.

7 As you said, you met on February 7th. The  
8 Census Bureau released Virginia on February 3rd.  
9 The detailed redistricting data, the PL-94 data.  
10 And Kent Stigall and Julie Smith have been working  
11 to get that into the system, check how well things  
12 work.

13 And as we have gone along, there have been  
14 a few issues that came up. The one I wanted to  
15 spend some time on, just to bring you up to date on  
16 this one; it was mentioned in your February 7th  
17 meeting, and that was the issue of the displaced  
18 Norfolk Navy personnel, shipboard personnel, some  
19 19,000.

20 And actually the corrected numbers were  
21 received yesterday at about 4:30. And the actual  
22 number of shipboard personnel involved was 19,279.

23 It was very obvious as soon as the data was  
24 received when we ran these basic totals on the  
25 districts that something didn't seem right. Along

1 with the city of Norfolk that was very quickly  
2 identified as probably the Navy personnel.

3 As it turned out, it was a coding error, a  
4 Geo. coding error of the Census Bureau. The 19,000  
5 plus personnel who were supposed to be assigned to  
6 the naval base, and in fact, we are in kind of a  
7 little green belt between Lamberts Point and Kent.

8 The Census Bureau quickly agreed to make a  
9 partial correction. And the data that was received  
10 yesterday is not the full range of all the  
11 breakdowns, but it has the basic information, the  
12 total population, the voting age population reported  
13 by each single race group, and collected a  
14 multi-race group, and also Hispanic, non-Hispanic.

15 You have a letter that the director of the  
16 Census Bureau directed to Mayor Fraim in Norfolk  
17 yesterday. If you flip that over, if you are really  
18 into the numbers, you can see the exact breakdown.  
19 So that was received yesterday late afternoon.

20 It should be sufficient to allow plans to  
21 be developed and to measure all of the legal  
22 criteria that have to be met, and it also should be  
23 sufficient for the submissions to the Department of  
24 Justice for the Voting Rights Act.

25 If there are any questions about it, I'll

1 be glad to take them. At this point that's where we  
2 are with that.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Jack, before you leave that,  
4 I guess it's fair to say as we hear from other  
5 jurisdictions, are there any other items that might  
6 be brought to our attention?

7 I remember back in 2001 you had a  
8 corrections facility in the wrong precinct, things  
9 of that nature. We want to have any public input  
10 that may, you know, shed light on something that  
11 could be a discrepancy from the local government  
12 perspective.

13 MR. AUSTIN: I have a couple of comments  
14 here, and I want to mention how those kinds of  
15 things are generally addressed.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Senator Howell has a  
17 question.

18 MS. HOWELL: I did hear from a local  
19 elected official about some concern down in  
20 Tidewater with some numbers. And I'm wondering do  
21 we put out any direction as to what the time frame  
22 is for the local government's to get in their  
23 concerns?

24 MR. AUSTIN: We have not issued an alert or  
25 release through each local official. The Census

1 Bureau is responsible for doing that. If I could  
2 just go ahead here and I'll say a word about what  
3 that correction process is like.

4 It's very difficult for you and for us to  
5 get a call from a locality and start playing with  
6 numbers just on the basis of that.

7 The Norfolk case was so big that everyone  
8 knew that something had to be done. The Census  
9 Bureau's first reaction was, well, we will get to  
10 that in June when we start making corrections.

11 And we communicated to them that that  
12 didn't work in terms of the General Assembly  
13 schedule. And Cathy McCully is the chief of the  
14 redistricting data section and the Census Bureau.  
15 She went to bat for us. And this really went all  
16 the way up to the director, and you can see the  
17 director is one -- and that's very unusual in this  
18 corrections process.

19 We also have received some reports of  
20 questions and problems the localities think they may  
21 have. Some of them are, look like they are probably  
22 fairly a clear coding error such as the Norfolk one,  
23 but not that magnitude.

24 Others are cases in which the localities  
25 don't think the numbers are right. There are more

1 people in a block than the Census Bureau is giving  
2 credit for. And the localities will need to resolve  
3 those questions with the Census Bureau. It's not  
4 something that can be done here.

5 And the program that localities should know  
6 about -- and if anyone asks me, you can look in a  
7 way of alerting them also, it's something called the  
8 Calquest (phonetic) Resolution Program, CQR. That's  
9 what the Census Bureau does with all of these  
10 questions.

11 It may be questions about the boundaries of  
12 subdivisions. And in Virginia, that's less of an  
13 issue with city/county than it is with towns. But,  
14 you know, they may have a couple of blocks in a city  
15 rather than in the county where it should be.

16 Geo. coding errors like the Norfolk  
17 situation are what the Census Bureau calls coverage,  
18 missed or incorrect counts for a particular block.

19 Those questions can be filed with the  
20 Census Bureau beginning June 1st, so any changes  
21 that may result from that whole process were going  
22 to be too late to be taken into account and  
23 redistricting.

24 This program really runs into 2013, but I  
25 believe the Census Bureau in the first three months

1 will probably try to take care of the questions that  
2 have then come up from the redistricting data, but  
3 that's still -- you are looking at August or  
4 September before those could be resolved.

5 So that's where we stand with the Census  
6 data and the accuracy of it.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

8 MR. AUSTIN: Are there any other questions  
9 about that? All right.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Joannou.

11 MR. JOANNOU: What about the Naval hospital  
12 and the shipyard? Were the ships that were in, were  
13 they taken into consideration?

14 MR. AUSTIN: The Census Bureau counts ships  
15 that are home ported at the locality, Norfolk or  
16 Portsmouth. And from there it just depends on  
17 whether the people who are shipboard have residences  
18 throughout, say, south Hampton Roads. If they have  
19 a residence address, they will be counted back  
20 there. If they don't have a residence address, they  
21 are simply shipboard based. Then they are counted  
22 on the ship. That's where those 19,000 came from.

23 I'd have to go look at Portsmouth to see.  
24 I haven't looked at the particular blocks. That's  
25 the way they should be in there. I haven't heard

1 from Portsmouth whether they think there is any  
2 problem.

3 MR. JOANNOU: I have another question. And  
4 in the Naval Hospital in regard to births, how is  
5 that handled?

6 MR. AUSTIN: I think all of the hospitals  
7 are the same. That if you are born on or before  
8 April 1st, even if you are still in the hospital,  
9 then you are counted back to your parents' home. So  
10 the general hospitals should not be reporting a  
11 population.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Proceed Jack, thank  
13 you.

14 MR. AUSTIN: The next item on the agenda is  
15 something about the statewide and district  
16 population changes. I just have this suspicion that  
17 you all may have looked at some of that already.

18 Just to move ahead, this is kind of faded  
19 out with these, but this map shows the counties and  
20 cities in terms of population growth between 2000  
21 and 2010.

22 And the dividing line that I've used here  
23 is 13 percent. I used 13 percent, because that's  
24 the overall state population increase. And so it's  
25 a good dividing point to give you at a glance which

1 areas it follows and which districts may be below  
2 the ideal population size and which ones may be  
3 above.

4 The pattern for the rural areas is pretty  
5 consistent with the past trends and with the  
6 scattered exceptions that shows that the southwest,  
7 west, and southern rural parts of the state have  
8 gained population but not at quite the rate the  
9 state did, or in some cases there are some  
10 localities that actually lost population.

11 There are a couple of interesting things  
12 about the major urban areas. And in Hampton Roads  
13 both the north and the south sides of Hampton Roads  
14 of the major cities have marginal growth rates,  
15 three or four percent overall in that area as  
16 compared to 13 percent. So those districts by and  
17 large are going to be below the ideal at this point.

18 And in Northern Virginia, Fairfax, and its  
19 two cities, Alexandria and Arlington, have also  
20 grown, but not quite at the same rate as the state.  
21 In the past Fairfax has always jumped, but it's kind  
22 of slowed.

23 Something interesting I found about Fairfax  
24 is most of its growth has been through, I think,  
25 through people moving, not people moving in but just

1 natural growth.

2 But the clear winners are the outer ring,  
3 the pinks and purples, sort of the outer ring of  
4 Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, eastern Fauquier.

5 And then the, kind of down the 95 corridor  
6 and the 64 access from Williamsburg to  
7 Charlottesville is where most of the population  
8 grows.

9 I'm not going to take time to go through  
10 each of these. We're going to put these up on the  
11 Website fairly quickly. But this is just a map  
12 showing house districts broken down by their  
13 deviations from the ideal.

14 And as I said, if you overlay that first  
15 map, it is reflected here. The same thing for the  
16 senate districts and for the congressional  
17 districts. This map displays the percent Black by  
18 county and city. I don't have a real comment on it.

19 The House of Delegates districts by a race  
20 percentage, by a Black percentage, there are 12  
21 minority districts, Black districts at the present  
22 time.

23 And out of those there are three districts  
24 that are fairly close to the ideal or within the  
25 deviation range. The 70th and 74th around Richmond,

1 Henrico, and the 77th based in Portsmouth, in that  
2 area.

3 The rest of the minority districts are from  
4 seven to fifteen percent under the ideal. That  
5 translates to between 6,000 and 12,000 for each  
6 district.

7 On the senate side the 9th District --  
8 there are five majority Black districts in the state  
9 right now. The 9th District which is Henrico,  
10 Charles City, a piece of Richmond, and I think there  
11 are other pieces in there. I just can't remember  
12 what all they are. That district is just about on  
13 target.

14 MR. ALBO: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a  
15 question?

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

17 MR. ALBO: You are charged as percentage  
18 Black. Does the law say that we have to have a  
19 minority district, or does the law say we are  
20 supposed to create a certain number of African  
21 American districts?

22 MR. AUSTIN: Mary, do you want to..., I  
23 think the beginning point is that we look at racial  
24 groups. If that group is large enough on its own to  
25 constitute the majority of a district, that you look

1 at that group. We do have one district, the  
2 northern, the 49th District.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Jack, if you would speak  
4 into the microphone for the audience.

5 MR. AUSTIN: Oh, sorry. We do have one  
6 district, the 49th, Arlington, Fairfax, that area.  
7 That is a combined majority/minority district.

8 MR. ALBO: That goes to my question. Does  
9 creating a district that has a combined minority  
10 population give us credit with the Voting Rights  
11 Act? I'm not quite sure how the law acts, so I'm  
12 not using the right words.

13 MARY: You look first at the single race,  
14 single minority districts.

15 Then the combination, that's an area the  
16 law is in flux a bit on how to combine racial  
17 minority groups.

18 So I don't think there is one clear answer  
19 that you combine minority groups to create a  
20 minority district. I think you listen to the public  
21 testimony, and you take a look at the plan suggested  
22 to you, and you evaluated that.

23 I can't give you one clear answer that you  
24 combine races. They may not have common interests.  
25 And the general principle is that the minority group

1 should be able to elect a candidate of its choice,  
2 and you don't know sometimes what groups choose the  
3 same representative.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Ms. Dance.

5 MS. DANCE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 And help me with this because I'm getting a  
7 vagueness here, but would I be correct in saying  
8 that this -- maybe these are not a good example.  
9 Because we have a majority African American probably  
10 for most concentrated in the state.

11 But, I would say this. If I was in  
12 Henrico -- not that this fits, but just giving a  
13 name out there, and it appeared that the majority,  
14 if we were to include all those except Americans who  
15 were living in this area, and that majority/minority  
16 was representative of African Americans, Asians,  
17 Hispanics, whatever.

18 But per say, that of this 70 percent only  
19 30 percent of them are African Americans, you might  
20 have another 30 percent that are Hispanic. And they  
21 trend republican voting. And maybe African  
22 Americans trend democratic voting. And then you  
23 have another population that is split, or whatever.

24 So I don't truly have a minority  
25 representation there. Am I confusing you? Am I

1 confusing myself?

2 But I would say that's not my minority that  
3 gives me a voice if I'm outweighed to begin with.

4 MARY: No, I think you have described the  
5 situation accurately. There may not be an identity  
6 of interests among minority groups, so that's  
7 evaluated under the Voting Rights Act and the case  
8 law.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

10 MARY: Same issue with White crossover  
11 voting with minority populations when you evaluate  
12 whether that's a viable district to represent  
13 minority interests.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Jack, continue.

15 MR. AUSTIN: Just to add one thing to what  
16 Mary said, and that is, with the Department of  
17 Justice Review, or if -- I'm sure this will not  
18 happen, but if a case goes to court, the voting  
19 history and analysis of the voting history is very  
20 important, and then that's taken into account.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.

22 MS. DANCE: It's an eight.

23 MS. HOWELL: Well, you were beginning to  
24 talk about the senate, and the topic was changed to  
25 that.

1           MR. AUSTIN: I think where I was, the ideal  
2 senatorial district is close to the ideal population  
3 of 200,000, you know. It's nice this time around,  
4 you know. It's 80,000 for the house and 200,000 for  
5 the senate.

6           The other four majority Black districts,  
7 the 2nd, the 5th, the 16th, and the 18th, are also  
8 under the ideal by eight to twelve percent depending  
9 on the district. That translates to 15,000 to  
10 25,000 people.

11           And just to wrap up very quickly, I do have  
12 some maps here that first of all show the  
13 distribution of Hispanic population. The Hispanic  
14 population of Virginia almost doubled between 2000  
15 and 2010. And it's now right at eight percent of  
16 the state population.

17           The concentration, as this map shows, is in  
18 Northern Virginia. Prince William is stated to  
19 reflect a 26 percent population. Fairfax, Arlington  
20 are around 16 percent. Loudoun is just below  
21 15 percent.

22           I'm not sure. This imposes the house  
23 districts over the Hispanic population breakdown.  
24 I'm not sure. I haven't gone in to see to what  
25 extent the Hispanic population is concentrated or

1 dispersed, but this seems to suggest some  
2 concentration in that Northern Virginia -- parts of  
3 Northern Virginia. Same thing for the senate.

4 And then the Asian population there are --

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Jack, could you back up to  
6 that senate one?

7 MR. MARTIN: Yeah, that's a real quick blow  
8 off of the same thing of the senate.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I've got it.

10 MR. AUSTIN: And then finally, the Asian  
11 population is displayed here. Again, if you use  
12 over ten percent concentration, and Fairfax on in,  
13 Loudoun, and in Prince William. And just one more  
14 and I'll stop. This little inset that shows the  
15 Fairfax area, part of Northern Virginia, is that the  
16 population there, the Asian population, if you look  
17 at the purple, seems to be pretty well dispersed.

18 It's suggested there are not real pockets  
19 or real concentrations and precincts and such, but  
20 is evenly distributed throughout the district.

21 MR. ALBO: When it says ten or over, might  
22 I presume there is not a category or a display to  
23 open? In other words, 20 over, 30 over, is there a  
24 reason why you didn't break it out further?

25 MR. AUSTIN: That's not a sign. I don't

1 think that I wrote down the percentage. I have it  
2 over here. I can take it out.

3 MR. ALBO: For instance, you go zero to  
4 five, five to ten, and ten you stop.

5 MR. AUSTIN: There is very few in Northern  
6 Virginia over ten percent. Somewhere like 30 or 40.

7 MR. ALBO: I assume you would put it  
8 otherwise. Mr. Chairman, what's the percentage of  
9 Asian?

10 MR. AUSTIN: It's a self definition when  
11 you fill out the Census Bureau form. It's one of  
12 the choices that you have. Just to be called Asian,  
13 a Pacific islander.

14 MR. ALBO: So is the definition what the  
15 person regards himself as?

16 MR. AUSTIN: If you go into Census data,  
17 you get further breakdowns. You have Asian as one  
18 of the major categories that you can check as your  
19 nationality. That could range from Indian to  
20 southeast Asian to Chinese to Japanese.

21 MR. ALBO: What if I'm Indian and I don't  
22 consider myself Asian? Is there a box for me to  
23 check that says something different?

24 MR. AUSTIN: You could do multi. I mean,  
25 you can do two or more. Or if you say, I don't

1 know, Caucasian or whatever.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: It is self-identification.

3 MR. MARTIN: It is self-identification.

4 MR. AUSTIN: Yeah, it is  
5 self-identification. I'm finished, unless there is  
6 more questions.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Any questions  
8 for Jack? If not, who is up next, Jack?

9 MR. AUSTIN: Mr. Stigall.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: That's who I thought it  
11 might be.

12 Kent, good morning to you, sir.

13 Jack, have you been adequately trained in  
14 how to use that computer?

15 MR. AUSTIN: No, I could just turn this  
16 off, but I just wanted to put this up so every one  
17 knew who you were. Go ahead.

18 MR. STIGALL: Me?

19 MR. AUSTIN: Yes.

20 MR. STIGALL: I'm at bat. It was mentioned  
21 we would do a demonstration of the Website. Unless  
22 this is connected to the Internet, we are not going  
23 to look at it. I am with the Division of  
24 Legislative Services. I have met with many of you  
25 at one time or another.

1           I want to give you an update, status on  
2 Website and Redistricting Application. The first  
3 thing is the redistricting application. We are not  
4 where we want to be and nor where we plan to be.  
5 But currently right now we have notice on work  
6 stations, you can draw your maps, you can draw your  
7 plans on individual work stations.

8           They are not connected to the network due  
9 to performance issues. Should be by the end of the  
10 week, to make that clear. At which time all ten  
11 work stations will be available.

12           You can work on one work station right now,  
13 come back in two hours, sit down at another one,  
14 access the same plan. Certainly, by Friday it will  
15 all be as it should be.

16           Some of the delays are due to the Census  
17 data since -- Norfolk is a good example, but there  
18 were some formatting issues that weren't defined by  
19 the Census Bureau early on. The change there is  
20 technical documentations, so the data were rebuilt.  
21 There were errors showing up.

22           Then the primary district report. If you  
23 remember in 2001 it was called Crystal Reports, and  
24 that shows whole counties, whole VDs, and part VDs,  
25 and their populations for each district.

1           Certainly, that will be available by  
2   Friday. I'm supposed to have a prototype today to  
3   work with, start modifying. Hopefully it will be  
4   sooner.

5           The next topic is Website, where are we at  
6   with the Website? I met with World View Solutions  
7   who we are developing it with. And we met for a  
8   couple of hours yesterday, and it looks real good  
9   with bringing everything on-line. Right now the  
10  site is available and it's accessible. As we build,  
11  update the data from the Census Bureau, it will be  
12  on the Website, you know, today, tomorrow.

13          The comment, the public comment tool. That  
14  is of great interest to everybody. That's a new  
15  functionality. They said they could have it done  
16  today. But I wouldn't have had a chance to look at  
17  it because I'm here right now.

18          So certainly by the next couple of days.  
19  You know, I'm not going to make it public for  
20  everybody to use until I'm sure it's working right.

21          But it's agreed that they would be able to  
22  click on it, open up a plan that's been made public,  
23  like, a current house, senate, congressional. Click  
24  on a spot and write a comment attached to that point  
25  on that map.

1 I'm thinking the people will be able to  
2 zoom in on a part of their district that they are  
3 concerned about and then describe what they think of  
4 that district line.

5 That's my vision of it. Certainly, you all  
6 will see it before anybody else.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: If I may, Kent, when you get  
8 that data, how will that then be disseminated?  
9 Where will those comments then reside?

10 MR. STIGALL: On my data server.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: So in essence, will you  
12 compile that, say, "Hey, can you give us all the  
13 comments, plans, that have been made on one, two,  
14 three?" Or, would it be that you have to ask  
15 District 49 about any comments having been made in  
16 regard to that combination majority/minority, and  
17 the district?

18 MR. STIGALL: The next thing is the comment  
19 will be what is researched and reviewed in a number  
20 of ways. It's not going to be available to the  
21 world. It's going to be stored. Because we don't  
22 know what's going to be said and how it's going to  
23 be said. We will have fields in there. We can sort  
24 them by, district number, IP address, the person's  
25 last name.

1           We can also do a geographic grouping of  
2   them, all of the comments in this county, all of the  
3   comments in this, you know, that kind of -- that's  
4   what the geographic information system comes in. I  
5   want to look at comments, house and senate comments,  
6   in a general area.

7           I don't know if it will be just by precinct  
8   or county. But there will be ways to print these  
9   reports. I assume it's all going to the Department  
10  of Justice, because it's public comment. The policy  
11  on that hasn't been clearly defined.

12           THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

13           MR. STIGALL: Then the data. As we know,  
14  the detailed data, all the races, all the voting age  
15  population, now that we have got this Census update  
16  for Norfolk we will pull it all up, and it will go  
17  on the Website. And that is where we are at. Any  
18  questions on that?

19           THE CHAIRMAN: Questions from members of  
20  the committee? Kent, if I may then, I assume you  
21  would have -- the Website is up?

22           MR. STIGALL: Yes.

23           THE CHAIRMAN: You are waiting for the  
24  public comment tool to be functional to your  
25  satisfaction, and then as far as you have got the

1 map which Jack just demonstrated to us, it will be  
2 on-line so they can look at house, senate,  
3 congressional. They can look at the county. They  
4 can look at the six different areas of race that you  
5 have to consider when you draw the map, and it will  
6 give the public a general feel for where we are with  
7 having received the Census data with the corrections  
8 that had been made as of yesterday for the errors  
9 that were made in Norfolk?

10 MR. STIGALL: Yes.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions for Kent  
12 or Jack or Mary? Julie does all the work.

13 MR. STIGALL: I wanted to make the comment  
14 that the Website has probably been updated and  
15 changed from yesterday, but I haven't looked at it,  
16 because we were -- they were getting ready to bring  
17 a lot of stuff live, so I can't -- I don't know  
18 exactly at this moment what it looks like.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: If I may, last time I recall  
20 it took a while for the individual maps to load when  
21 someone went to the site back in 2001. Have we  
22 improved the speed of that? Are we going to have a  
23 robust enough server if someone wants to pull up an  
24 area of the Commonwealth?

25 MR. STIGALL: It is going to be as fast or

1 faster than any other map in this country. I don't  
2 know how they can do it better. If we have Internet  
3 access here --

4 THE CHAIRMAN: I was trying to stall to  
5 give you some time, see if you could find it. I  
6 think people wanted to see that demonstrated.

7 MR. STIGALL: Scott, do you have --

8 MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to  
9 say while you are waiting, it's hard to see some of  
10 the color here. I'll E-mail you all of the maps.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: I was going to ask you to do  
12 that in your presentation, your PDF that you had.  
13 If you'll E-mail that to us and make it available  
14 for the public, that will be great.

15 MR. STIGALL: The Legislative Services, the  
16 Website, you can get to the redistricting.

17 MR. MILLER: I was just going to say, Kent,  
18 if I may, what we will try to do, before the  
19 meetings, if you want to bring your laptops, the  
20 colors get washed out in the overheads, we will try  
21 to E-mail those slides to you that we will be using  
22 for presentations in the future. You can have them  
23 ahead of time, and you can go through it on your  
24 laptops. You won't have to deal with these.

25 One other thing, we like to reserve the

1 right on these public comments to redact any  
2 inappropriate language that might be used before it  
3 goes out.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Understood. Kent, please.

5 MR. STIGALL: So this is the legislative  
6 services Website. There is a button there that says  
7 redistricting. You click on that. And they haven't  
8 made a lot of changes, but all of this stuff will be  
9 under these tables or buttons. Some of the  
10 redistricting cases are there.

11 I can give you a quick preview of maps.  
12 This is -- the background that's being loaded up is  
13 from the Internet, so that's where the pause comes  
14 in, unless they are working on that right now. No,  
15 here it comes.

16 This background is from, I think NASDAQ,  
17 and that's what takes a moment to draw.

18 If we can go in, there is a little  
19 identification on locality, for example, but we can  
20 zoom in. Go right into here. This is washed out.  
21 This is not a good place to do it, but there are  
22 your house districts. You can turn those off.

23 On these PCs it looks much better. You  
24 know, it's blurry and washed out, but you can go  
25 right on down --

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Um-hum.

2 MR. AUSTIN: -- to that. These are older  
3 precincts. As soon as we get it all updated, it's  
4 going to show up here. It's faster. You can check  
5 it. There is a precinct line there.

6 Now, these maps aren't -- this road is not  
7 the Census Bureau road. It's what's on the  
8 Internet. So at this point -- and it's not there,  
9 you would turn off your background roads and turn on  
10 the Census Bureau roads. That would match that  
11 precinct line perfectly.

12 You do have the ability -- this takes a  
13 minute, to bring in Bing aerial maps or ESRI aerial  
14 maps. It will take a minute to load up, but it's  
15 loading up. And it's what you see anywhere else on  
16 the Internet. It's the same aerial photography.

17 But one we are going to have that's not  
18 there at this moment, they are well aware of doing,  
19 is no background map. And that will make itself  
20 load really fast, and it also will clear up your  
21 screen if you want to go to print.

22 But there will be a tool here that you pick  
23 your district. You click right there. A form will  
24 come up and your comment, and that comment will be  
25 attached to that point.

1           As members and senators you can go into  
2   that comment database, pick that comment, and then  
3   zoom on the map to where they are talking about. So  
4   you can come at it from two different ways.

5           That's where we are at. A lot of this  
6   functionality will show up over the next 24,  
7   36 hours.

8           THE CHAIRMAN: If I can, Kent, you are  
9   going to have your VTDs or your precincts, your  
10   county, city, names, your Census blocks, you can  
11   turn on the maps, roads, and use the Census roads  
12   and interstates.

13           So you can go down to the lowest level  
14   which is the block level right here from home to be  
15   able to look to see what a proposed plan might look  
16   like?

17           MR. AUSTIN: If you are going to cut in on  
18   your blocks, you want to be in a close level, but  
19   they are done loading already. If I can turn off  
20   these background roads, you should have them. Well,  
21   you cut off the precincts, cut off all of this  
22   stuff. But that straight line there, cut off county  
23   boundaries, all of these lines. There are block  
24   lines. That is a block number right there, right  
25   there. The right mouse button, click. Click on a

1 point. What that is telling me is the Census block  
2 number, the county number.

3 And you scroll down, get the population for  
4 that Census block or precinct or county. You will  
5 have the primary race categories, the voting age  
6 population, and the Hispanic population. It will be  
7 standard race feedings. What you read districts  
8 with will be the data that you can look at on the  
9 Website.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions for  
11 Kent? If not, thank you, Kent.

12 MR. AUSTIN: One other cool thing. We go  
13 to the house here and click on the district, and you  
14 highlight your district. That's a nice shaded red,  
15 and you have -- these fields necessarily won't be  
16 there, but for example, this will be the population  
17 numbers. All right?

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you. All  
19 right. I believe that concludes your presentation.

20 MR. AUSTIN: That's it.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: We are now at the public  
22 comment period of our meeting. Anyone in the  
23 audience who wishes to come share with us potential  
24 questions to ask the staff we will be more than  
25 welcome to entertain those at this time.

1           Nobody sitting in the back? Everybody is  
2 sitting in the back of the classroom today, aren't  
3 they? Okay.

4           Well, with that, I think before we rise,  
5 I'd just like to make a couple of comments. I know  
6 the leaderships in both chambers have been working  
7 on a schedule for the process, and Senator Howell  
8 can certainly jump in and correct me if and when I  
9 get off track here.

10           Hopefully, we will do as we did last time,  
11 have the special session occur around the time we  
12 reconvene and during that week we will be able to  
13 consider the plans that have the bills, the plans  
14 that will be introduced.

15           My expectation will be the previous week  
16 you probably will have several plans, what we had  
17 introduced. There will be a series of public  
18 hearings. After the plans have been introduced and  
19 we have bills across the Commonwealth to allow for  
20 public input, and we would come back the following  
21 week and have committee action, and then floor  
22 action, and a passage of the bills in the respective  
23 chambers.

24           Do the normal process to try to get the  
25 bill to the governor's desk. I also anticipate some

1 time in the middle of March have a meeting to agree  
2 on criteria, and then proceed from there.

3 So that's just a general outline of what we  
4 would hope to have occur. It won't be quite as  
5 compressed as last time because we have got our data  
6 back, Janet, what, about five weeks earlier than  
7 what we did previously? That's been a big help by  
8 our Census group acting so quickly on our request  
9 for the 19,000 misappropriated block in Norfolk. I  
10 think it will make our job a whole lot easier in  
11 that regard.

12 Janet, is there anything you'd like to add?

13 MS. HOWELL: Just one addition. And I'm in  
14 total agreement with what we are planning to do  
15 here. There has been some confusion from some  
16 members of the public about how something gets  
17 before one of the committees. And I think it's  
18 important that they understand that members and only  
19 members can introduce bills. So if they have  
20 suggestions, that would be the way to go.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Right.

22 MR. DEEDS: Mr. Chair, has there been a  
23 schedule set for a public hearing yet?

24 THE CHAIRMAN: No. What we are trying to  
25 do is get procedural resolutions for joint rules and

1 we have one drafted, I believe, that's agreeable  
2 with the party's chambers, and we will try to have a  
3 joint rule meeting in the next day or two.

4 MR. MADDREA: 3:00 today.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: 3:00 today. I have been  
6 corrected. And once we get that done then we will  
7 proceed, and it would be joint public hearings.

8 MR. DEEDS: Good deal.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Anything else? The  
10 committee shall rise. Thank you for your  
11 attendance.

12 (Whereupon, the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.  
13 were adjourned.)

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