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JOINT REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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1 APPEARANCES:

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3 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS:

4 S. Chris Jones - Chairman

5 Rosalyn R. Dance

6 Johnny S. Joannou

7 Jackson Miller

8 David B. Albo

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10 SENATE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS:

11 Janet D. Howell (By conference call)

12 Stephen H. Martin

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14 Also Present:

15 DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES:

16 E.M. Miller, Director of Legislative Services

17 Jack Austin, Special Projects Manager

18 Mary Spain, Senior Staff Attorney

19 Kent Stigall, Senior GIS Specialist

20 Julie Smith

21 David Cotter

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1 NOTE: The meeting is called to order.

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3 DELEGATE JONES: We'll take care of our
4 first item of business. I believe that there's an
5 announcement that you have for us with regard to the
6 membership from the House perspective.

7 MS. SPAIN: Right. Chairman Cole has
8 appointed Jackson Miller to serve on the committee at
9 this time in place of Rob Bell who could not attend.

10 DELEGATE JONES: Make sure that everyone
11 knows that he's in an official capacity.

12 With that, the first item of business is
13 the election of a chairman and a vice chairman.
14 Senator Howell and I talked earlier. I think 10 years
15 ago the Senate actually was a chair of this committee,
16 and in the spirit of rotating that, thought it would be
17 the appropriate thing to do, so do I have a motion from
18 the Committee?

19 SENATOR HOWELL: I'd like to nominate
20 you, Chris.

21 DELEGATE JONES: Do I have a second?

22 (Seconded) All in favor say aye. (Unanimous
23 response). Oppose? (No response).

24 Do I have a motion for our vice chairman?

25 DELEGATE ALBO: I nominate Janet.

1 SENATOR MARTIN: I'll second that.

2 DELEGATE JONES: All in favor say aye.
3 (Unanimous response). Opposed? (No response). All
4 right.

5 SENATOR HOWELL: Thank you.

6 DELEGATE JONES: You are certainly
7 welcome.

8 For those who are in attendance for the
9 first time, this is a largely technical committee that
10 has a lot of mundane things to do that would probably
11 put you to sleep normally in a year that will be ending
12 in a 1 next year, so with that our first item is going
13 to be the review of our statutory authority, our
14 responsibility, and the scope of the Joint
15 Subcommittee, and I believe, Jack, you have the honor
16 of leading us in this discussion.

17 MR. AUSTIN: I do, and the statutory
18 provisions are in your packet listed as Agenda Item 1
19 because that, the first item in the statutory provision
20 is that the committee elects its chair and vice chair,
21 and you have just done that.

22 Just very briefly, the main statutory
23 responsibility of the Joint Reapportionment Committee
24 is to resolve any issues that arise in the work leading
25 up to the redistricting itself. The decisions about

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1 the criteria to use in redistricting, who has access to

2 the computer system and so forth traditionally have
3 been handled either by the P and E Committees or by
4 Joint Rules with regards to some of the space and
5 access sorts of issues. Just to illustrate, I put it
6 in your packet under Agenda Item 2, the resolutions on
7 the criteria for redistricting that the House and
8 Senate P & E Committee has adopted 10 years ago.

9 The Joint Reapportionment Committee was
10 established by the General Assembly in 1986. At that
11 point the General Assembly felt it was necessary to
12 have somebody -- some "body" to oversee what was going
13 on because the redistricting data program with the
14 Census Bureau had developed into a several year process
15 of working with them, and computer use in redistricting
16 was becoming a reality, and it was anticipated that the
17 General Assembly would move in that direction for the
18 1991 redistricting.

19 Over time mainly there have been 2 issues
20 or 2 areas that the committee has looked at. The first
21 is the process of working with the Census Bureau to
22 make sure that the, that Virginia has the detailed
23 population next spring sometime that's needed for the
24 redistricting, and our office primarily carries that
25 out. It really starts, what, I guess 2006 or something

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1 like that, to go through the process of making sure

2 they have all the precincts and doing all kinds of
3 reviews with them.

4 The second is to insure that preparations
5 are being made and will be ready for space, computer
6 hardware and software, and staff to support the
7 redistricting itself when it gets underway next year.

8 In the past the Joint Reapportionment
9 Committee has had to deal with some major issues. 10
10 years ago for example the Census Bureau right until the
11 last minute contemplated having both the actual
12 population count and adjusted census numbers
13 statistically adjusted, and the Joint Reapportionment
14 Committee had to give guidance on that throughout. If
15 you look at the statutory provision, there's 30-265 I
16 think it is that says Virginia will use the actual
17 enumeration and not adjusted figures.

18 This time around the process has been
19 smooth so far. The work with the census has become a
20 pretty familiar and regular thing, and everything from
21 our end has been done. We believe that we have given
22 them accurate precincts and that for the most part what
23 you see on the census maps next spring as the voting
24 precincts throughout the state actually match what the
25 localities understand those precincts to be and that

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1 the lines will match up.

2 So that just very briefly is what the

3 Joint Reapportionment Committee traditionally does.
4 Happy to take any questions there or just move on.

5 DELEGATE JONES: Any questions? Johnny?

6 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Just got a quick
7 question because I remember 10 years ago there were
8 some problems with the shipyards and the hospitals,
9 Naval Hospital, Shipyard, Norfolk Naval Air Station,
10 some of the military installations.

11 MR. AUSTIN: Right.

12 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Are we going to get
13 those figures at the same time as we did get all the
14 other figures?

15 MR. AUSTIN: Suppose to. I can double
16 check on that, but the so-called institutional
17 populations are suppose to be there in the
18 redistricting data that you get.

19 DELEGATE JOANNOU: If I may,
20 Mr. Chairman, would that also include the births?

21 MR. AUSTIN: Berths?

22 DELEGATE JONES: B-E-R-T-H-S?

23 DELEGATE JOANNOU: B-I-R-T-H-S in the
24 hospitals?

25 MR. AUSTIN: If there was a baby there on

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1 April 1st of 2010, that baby will be counted.

2 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Because I know there

3 was some question about that in some of the other
4 census that we get from other institutions during the
5 year, not the census year.

6 MR. AUSTIN: Well, the Census Bureau
7 makes an effort to count everyone. Now there are all
8 sorts of issues or twists and turns to where the Census
9 Bureau actually allocates the population. For a baby
10 born in the hospital, the baby will be counted as an
11 inhabitant of wherever the parents are. The different
12 military rules, there are rules about colleges, about
13 prisons. Generally the census approach is to allocate
14 the population to where they actually counted them, so
15 that if there's a prison in a county and there are a
16 thousand prisoners there, they are going to be reported
17 as population for that county.

18 DELEGATE JOANNOU: And --

19 DELEGATE JONES: Is this first, last?

20 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Yeah, last. The Naval
21 Hospital in Portsmouth for example, if you have people
22 from Norfolk that live in Norfolk and have children
23 that are born in Portsmouth, they will be counted as
24 Portsmouth residents or Norfolk residents?

25 MR. AUSTIN: No, if you are in a hospital

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1 for a birth or a surgery on April 1st --

2 DELEGATE JOANNOU: I'm talking about the
3 child, not the parent.

4 MR. AUSTIN: Right. Well, the child born
5 there should be counted back to the parents' residence
6 in Norfolk. Now for some long term say mental
7 institution or something like that, nursing homes, they
8 are counted where they are and not where they came
9 from.

10 DELEGATE JOANNOU: But the birth
11 certificate would read Portsmouth?

12 DELEGATE JONES: Right.

13 MR. AUSTIN: I'll double check, but I'm
14 pretty sure the census is going to count them back to
15 the parents.

16 MS. SPAIN: Yes.

17 DELEGATE ALBO: Place of residence I
18 think.

19 SENATOR HOWELL: Mr. Chairman?

20 DELEGATE JONES: Yes, ma'am.

21 SENATOR HOWELL: Jack, you mentioned that
22 there was a discussion last ten years ago about the
23 adjusted data from census?

24 MR. AUSTIN: Yes.

25 SENATOR HOWELL: Am I correct that they

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1 are not even doing that at this time?

2 MR. AUSTIN: They have not gone in that
3 direction at all this year.

4 SENATOR HOWELL: Okay.

5 DELEGATE JONES: Any other questions
6 before we move on to number 3? Jack, I think you are
7 still up.

8 MR. AUSTIN: All right. Well, number 3,
9 and there's a little piece in your packet labeled
10 Agenda Item 3. On the census schedule, just very
11 briefly on that I hope, of course the census was taken
12 April 1st of this year, and the TIGER/Line Shapefiles,
13 which is the geography for all the maps and so forth,
14 was received by Virginia November 30th, so that's now
15 available for all those software developers and
16 everyone else who is interested in the maps.

17 By December 31st, and I think it's
18 actually next week, the Census Bureau will provide to
19 the President the official population of each state for
20 the purpose of allocating the 435 seats in the House of
21 Representatives, and the actual allocation will be
22 announced in January. No reason to think that Virginia
23 is not going to stay at 11.

24 And just one word about that figure that
25 will come out next week, that's not exactly the figure,

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1 total population for the state that you'll be working
2 with next February, March, or whenever it is. The
3 Census Bureau includes in that military permanently
4 stationed overseas and civilians who are stationed

5 overseas. For example, a businessman who's got a 2 or
6 3 year assignment in Geneva or something like that,
7 they are counted back to the state for this
8 apportionment of the house seat but they are not
9 allocated down to the county or city for your
10 redistricting, so the figure will probably be pretty
11 close but it's not going to be same state total that
12 you'll see when they release the detailed information.

13 The Census Bureau's deadline for
14 providing the detailed population data, technically
15 P.L. 94-171, it has to be done by April 1st of 2011.
16 Virginia is always on a fast track because of the need
17 to redistrict in the same year. The Census Bureau
18 continues to say that their target for getting the
19 Virginia data out is early in February, first week in
20 February. Can't guarantee that, but it means that when
21 they are ready, Virginia is going to be at the front of
22 the line.

23 DELEGATE JONES: Jack, if I may, last
24 time for reference, we didn't get it until what, the
25 second week in March?

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1 MR. AUSTIN: March 8th I think is the
2 date. So it will definitely be earlier than that, I
3 have no doubt about that. When during early February
4 or the first week of February we'll just have to wait

5 and see for that.

6 Any questions about the schedule?

7 DELEGATE ALBO: When you say you get
8 population data, that's population by those little
9 census blocks?

10 MR. AUSTIN: Yes, all the way down to the
11 census blocks.

12 DELEGATE ALBO: Do they give it in some
13 kind of format that you can just plug it into your
14 computer system and it's all loaded up?

15 MR. AUSTIN: Sort of. It's a little bit
16 more --

17 DELEGATE ALBO: It's a little bit more
18 than that?

19 MR. AUSTIN: Yeah. Kent can better
20 answer the technical side of that.

21 SENATOR MARTIN: Within hours Kent would
22 have it up for us.

23 MR. STIGALL: It might take that long.
24 This time it's coming in what's called Shapefiles which
25 is the industry standard for distributing geographic

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1 information, polygons, and that census block is a
2 polygon, and unlike in 2001 and even '91 where it was a
3 totally different kind of end coding and it had to be
4 really processed and created into whatever your
5 application accepted. This time they are sending it

6 out in a format that is like an ascii text file. It's
7 industry standard for reading stuff.

8 DELEGATE JOANNOU: I hate to keep
9 bringing up military, but down in our area we have a
10 lot of military. What do you do with the people that
11 are on like carriers, they come into the shipyard, they
12 are stationed in the shipyard or Norfolk Aviation
13 Center, how is that handled?

14 MR. AUSTIN: If shipboard personnel have
15 a residence off the ship or off base, they are living
16 in Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, or Portsmouth or
17 whatever, then they'll be allocated back to that
18 residence that they have. If not, we'll get an
19 administrative figure I think for the rest, but the
20 first approach is to try to allocate back to where they
21 are within the Tidewater area for example.

22 DELEGATE JONES: Senator Martin.

23 SENATOR MARTIN: Just to settle all these
24 kinds of questions, isn't it true that in each instance
25 the residence is what they have shot for in the census,

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1 and only in those instances where there is a long term
2 incarceration or hospitalization or service that alters
3 their residence for a sustained period of time does
4 this stuff come into question, and those cases, whether
5 they are the mental health facilities or corrections

6 facilities or military bases even, they would be
7 counted there but only if they don't have another
8 residence that they counted towards.

9 MR. AUSTIN: I think that's true. The
10 only, depends on how you want to class it, are the
11 students who don't get counted back to the home or are
12 counted in Blacksburg or Charlottesville or
13 Fredericksburg or wherever on April 1.

14 DELEGATE JONES: Any more questions for
15 Jack on number 3?

16 well, Jack, if we were playing golf, you
17 would still be up, which would be a bad thing.

18 MR. AUSTIN: Top of the 3rd or the top of
19 the 4th.

20 DELEGATE JONES: There you go.

21 MR. AUSTIN: The 4th item was just very,
22 again I hope quickly, to give you some idea if you
23 haven't visited it already of the facility support that
24 the General Assembly has down on the second floor with
25 Legislative Services, there are 2 large dedicated

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1 redistricting rooms down there equipped with some work
2 stations, room for a conference table and so forth.
3 Traditionally in the past redistricting they have been
4 designated one for the House and one for the Senate.
5 That's -- now all we have to do is change tags on the
6 door if you want to do it some other way, but that's

7 the way they have been set up.

8 Multiple work stations, you know,
9 essentially a work station is one of our computers that
10 is, has the necessary applications and is linked into a
11 network so that it's capable of handling the computer
12 mapping and redistricting software. The plans are that
13 there would be at least 4 of these work stations in the
14 redistricting room and at least 6 of the staff will be
15 working with us closely with the redistricting will
16 also have a work station in their office so that
17 members or anyone else that's given access to the
18 system can come either to one of the main rooms or one
19 of the staff rooms and be helped with whatever they
20 want to do.

21 DELEGATE JONES: Okay. Delegate Albo.

22 DELEGATE ALBO: Not having been involved
23 in the process 10 years ago, do you provide training to
24 the members to tell them how to use the software
25 system?

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1 MR. AUSTIN: In the past our approach has
2 been primarily to have a staff member sit down with
3 you. If there's some people such as your chairman who
4 spend a lot of time there and become expert, we
5 sometimes let a member solo.

6 DELEGATE JONES: But there's adequate

7 staff support. If you have a question, you can't
8 figure something out, they'll be there with you and you
9 can actually, if you would like, say this is what I'd
10 like to do, they'll do it for you or show you how to do
11 it. That's what we have done in the past.

12 MR. STIGALL: And there's nothing that
13 says we couldn't set up or schedule a training session.

14 DELEGATE ALBO: And maybe one of the
15 things we might want to do today is set in motion some
16 kind of plan for the members so they know, because I'm
17 sure you can't have everybody come on a Friday
18 afternoon after we adjourn and decide to draw their own
19 map, you guys aren't going to have the work stations
20 and staff, et cetera.

21 MR. AUSTIN: Right.

22 DELEGATE JONES: Last time there was, I
23 think the activity just really depended on the day of
24 the week and time, the time the data came out and bills
25 were introduced, then there was a lot more activity and

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1 was like kind of a, not 24/7, but I mean during your
2 working hours people in and out. Didn't have a
3 committee or a subcommittee to be in asking questions
4 about this or questions about that.

5 So you'd like to have what, a further
6 discussion or a plan to deal with either training
7 and/or availability? Because the last time it was

8 really on a come as you may basically.

9 MR. STIGALL: I think last time it was,
10 we had a setup so you made appointments, but there was
11 never any conflicts, so it virtually wasn't utilized
12 because it was always maybe 2 or 3 access points.

13 SENATOR MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I spent
14 right much time in there myself but I just never saw
15 any kind of a --

16 DELEGATE JONES: Backup.

17 SENATOR MARTIN: -- backup. There was no
18 backup, there was no more there wanting to use it than
19 there were computers.

20 DELEGATE JONES: Good point.

21 MR. AUSTIN: Our staff is somewhat
22 reluctant to say well, I'm sorry, you were not
23 scheduled, so go back and come later. If you come, we
24 will work with you.

25 DELEGATE JONES: And I never heard

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1 anything like that. John.

2 DELEGATE JOANNOU: I was with Kent, I
3 probably lived with him for a long time, but if there
4 was someone else, you know, if you had been there 2 or
5 3 times and I would come back and I'd say well, he's
6 got somebody else he's working with, it's easy to say
7 okay, can I come back in 2 hours or make it tomorrow

8 sometime, it's a real easy relationship just to say,
9 you know, I don't want to take your time because I have
10 already been down here 3 times and this is your first
11 time down there just trying to get set up and he's
12 working with the man, you just, as a matter of being a
13 gentleman --

14 DELEGATE JONES: Like Steve said, it
15 wasn't an issue last time.

16 MR. AUSTIN: well, with up to 10 work
17 stations, you know, one or two might be tied up in some
18 sort of administrative thing, but we can handle
19 multiple legislators or groups at the same time.

20 DELEGATE JOANNOU: And if you are full,
21 you just come back the next day.

22 MR. STIGALL: And I'm going to be there
23 probably 7 days a week, you know, as long as, you know,
24 there's a hint somebody might want to use it, or you
25 know, if you are planning to be there at 7:00 o'clock

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1 in the evening, a little message and somebody will be
2 there.

3 DELEGATE JONES: Senator Martin.

4 SENATOR MARTIN: Kent, tell me if you
5 disagree with this, it may have become more complex
6 now, but this is not something that legislators can
7 easily begin to learn and know how to do without you
8 standing over them. It's a point and click type thing

9 that is not that complex at all.

10 MR. STIGALL: I think now especially
11 since we are on our third run on with it, everybody
12 seems like, most everybody seems to be familiar with
13 PCs, yeah, it's not, because you are only going to be
14 using a sliver of the functionality that's there.

15 DELEGATE JONES: Any other questions on
16 number 4?

17 MR. AUSTIN: Could I just, before I step
18 off the stage or slide under the table or whatever I'm
19 going to do, just to point out to you, in this handout
20 for item 4, that there's a sheet called computer
21 redistricting mapping system purposes, and I included
22 that just so you can see that the system that the
23 General Assembly maintains or provides that we maintain
24 for the General Assembly is there to do more than just
25 draw redistricting plans. It has to import plans that

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1 are developed from outside the office or outside the
2 General Assembly, put everything into uniform formats,
3 verify that a plan that's sent in in fact is accurate,
4 complete, and takes care of all the population, all the
5 blocks, and generate reports to compare the plans with
6 the standards that have been adopted, provide the
7 information, maintain a website, so it's more than just
8 a drawing the map and application that we are talking

9 about.

10 DELEGATE JONES: Okay.

11 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Mr. Chairman.

12 DELEGATE JONES: Yes, sir.

13 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Are we going to have
14 also minority districts?

15 MR. AUSTIN: Are we going to have what,
16 John?

17 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Are we going to have
18 on the maps minority areas so that we'll be able to
19 comply with federal law?

20 MR. AUSTIN: That's something that Mary
21 is going to touch on, so I'll let her go ahead and
22 answer that at this point.

23 DELEGATE JONES: If you would like to do
24 that now or wait until we get to that.

25 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Let's wait until we

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1 get to that.

2 DELEGATE JONES: Jack, you done?

3 MR. AUSTIN: I'm finished.

4 DELEGATE JONES: All right, good.

5 All right, Number 5, Mary, talking about
6 the software and website contracts?

7 MS. SPAIN: Right. I'm just going to
8 introduce Kent to describe what we are looking at when
9 we look at software and website contracts, and I just

10 want to point out we are in a time crunch really in
11 Virginia on redistricting, so this is the time to look
12 at the contracts and to get ourselves ready so we can
13 not just draw the plans when we come back in session
14 but also prepare the volumes of information we need for
15 the Department of Justice submission.

16 when you look at the wall behind the
17 chairman, that length of wall is about maybe short
18 2 feet the submission documentation for the House of
19 Delegates plan 10 years ago in big fat binders. It's a
20 lot of paper, it's a lot to get ready.

21 Kent, you want to take over?

22 MR. STIGALL: Yeah. On Agenda Item 5,
23 the first page, the front page is our proposal for
24 AutoBound, the desktop redistricting application.

25 The second page and the remainder pages

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1 is a proposal from worldView Solutions' website. This
2 is their proposal from October 29. We haven't entered
3 into a contract. There's some changes we are going to
4 make and updates that answers questions.

5 I'd like to give you background on how we
6 got AutoBound9 and worldView. In '91 Virginia had a
7 GIS application. It was a leader in the country for
8 redistricting. Nobody was using software or GIS like
9 we were, and it ran on a Wang system, mini system. Jay

10 Landis, the director of DLAS across the hall here, was
11 project leader, programmer, developer and such, and I
12 worked for him and I had experience in '91 with writing
13 applications supporting the system.

14 In 2000 the big challenge was not the
15 application, because we know it now, we know how the
16 technology is going to work, but we are into desktop
17 PCs, networks, common networks, and, well, in '98 and
18 '99 there was not a desktop redistricting application
19 in this country that was better than what we used in
20 '91. Along came AutoBound. He actually came in here
21 and studied what we had, and by 2001 AutoBound had been
22 fully developed and met all our expectations, and
23 really there's no doubt in my mind it was the thing in
24 2001.

25 So then we head into 2009 and '10, and I

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1 have spent the last, well, couple years, evaluating the
2 status of available redistricting applications. We are
3 still on desktop work stations and networks and servers
4 and such different products {still the way it runs
5 huh}, what I found is AutoBound is still, bar none, the
6 best choice for Virginia. There's really not much
7 competition there. There are products out there that
8 work for a lot of people and a lot of entities, but I
9 don't think it does the whole process of redistricting
10 that Virginia needs and has had for the 2 previous

11 redistrictings.

12 The big challenge or difference between
13 2009 and 2011 is the internet, web based maps,
14 websites, access, everybody is doing it, been doing it
15 for years. In 2001 we had a website and the maps were
16 put out there. When it was introduced on the floor, it
17 was made available to the public in about an hour if we
18 were doing it in 2001. In 2011 we expect to have
19 another, you know, really nice website. You know, it's
20 going to be up to date, it's modern, and it's going to
21 set the same kind of standard we did in 2001 hopefully.
22 It won't be as new because everybody has been looking
23 at google maps and such for years now.

24 And worldView Solutions is who we have
25 chosen to work with us in developing that website.

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1 They are right down the street here, they are on state
2 contract, I have met with them, talked to them. They
3 have done a bunch of state sites. I feel they are very
4 good. It will be nice to have somebody close by. If
5 we need something, they are right there.

6 The last page of that agenda item is a
7 few of worldView's sites that they have done, and very
8 representative of the quality of work they do. So
9 there are dozens out there, but they are some good
10 examples.

11 DELEGATE JONES: Kent, before we get into
12 further discussion and questions, we had chatted
13 sometime in the past about what would be our
14 capabilities on, you know, for the citizen who would
15 want to see what's going on, what bills have been
16 introduced but also would like to maybe look through
17 some drawing themselves, and I think that, you know, I
18 have now talked to Janet about this and had mentioned
19 it back during session, you know, it would really be
20 nice to have that capability for our constituents who
21 would like to come in and participate actively in the
22 process. I know cost is certainly a concern, but we
23 heard today at our public hearing that you have
24 competition right now with the universities, you have
25 got VA 21, [ck] and Janet shared with me that there

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1 might be an opportunity to have a redirect to a site
2 where they can actually do some practice plans and have
3 them available, so Janet, you might want to elaborate
4 just a little bit, but I'd like for the committee to
5 have a little discussion about what we would like to
6 see as far as what would be the extent of outside, you
7 know, people being able to dial in and fiddle with
8 their area of the state and say I'd like my district to
9 look this way versus that way.

10 SENATOR HOWELL: Okay. Well, I had
11 spoken a few months ago with Michael McDonald of George

12 Mason who is putting together this capability, and as
13 you mentioned, Chris, it's being expanded so that
14 college students will be using it and I understand even
15 having a contest using it, but I had spoken to Jack
16 about trying to incorporate it into the website so
17 people can give us their best ideas.

18 DELEGATE JONES: Okay.

19 DELEGATE ALBO: Mr. Chairman.

20 DELEGATE JONES: Delegate Albo.

21 DELEGATE ALBO: I haven't attended all
22 the public hearings but I attended 3 or 4, and I think
23 this is the most important decision that we make today
24 based upon all this public comment, because every
25 single meeting people said that they wanted an

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1 opportunity to be able to participate just like they
2 would in a bill. Now in a regular bill they
3 participate by calling me, my constituent calls me,
4 says I want you to vote yes or no or I'd like you to
5 insert this word or not. I'd like to be able to have
6 this, provide that same ability for a constituent of
7 mine to give their input about how their neighborhood
8 map is drawn.

9 Now just off the top of my head kind of
10 brainstorming, I don't really find it's going to be
11 that useful to have everybody in the world be able to

12 get on the LIS [ck] system and draw a map that no one
13 is ever going to look at except for them. They need to
14 somehow be able to create a document to be able to
15 interact with their representative.

16 Janet's idea, I think Janet, you were
17 talking about that guy at George Mason is a professor,
18 right?

19 SENATOR HOWELL: Right.

20 DELEGATE ALBO: That seems like a great
21 idea, because if he's already got the system, then
22 somehow we enable people through the website --

23 DELEGATE JONES: We direct them or
24 whatever, right.

25 DELEGATE ALBO: -- and then they can

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1 create a map and they can bring it to Dave Albo or
2 Chris Jones or whomever.

3 SENATOR HOWELL: Yes. And in addition I
4 think staff -- excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

5 DELEGATE JONES: No, no, proceed.

6 SENATOR HOWELL: In addition I think we
7 are likely to get some good ideas out of that from the
8 people right, it's closest, you know, census block or
9 whatever on what would work best for them.

10 DELEGATE JONES: Like comments we had
11 this morning at our public hearing. Kent, would you
12 like to respond on what our options might be?

13 MR. STIGALL: There's a long list of
14 options from fairly basic, to, you know, a year and a
15 half to 2 year project, but one of the things that we
16 have that I have talked to worldView about, on page 7,
17 4.3, item number 2, second paragraph, is a
18 redistricting plan commenting tool, and what we
19 envision is anybody can bring up that map, whether it's
20 the current House plan, the current Senate district,
21 maybe circle or flag an area and type in a comment.
22 How long a comment, you know, whether it's 500 words or
23 put a limit on, you know, whether they can do 50
24 comments or 500, I mean that's beyond my scope, but
25 that's one way we are planning on doing it.

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1 DELEGATE JONES: Okay.

2 DELEGATE DANCE: My turn since I haven't
3 asked a question all morning. So for example if I had,
4 I guess my constituents would probably be concerned
5 about their neighborhoods being intact or whatever, so
6 their circle is going to be drawn in regards to an area
7 of interest to them, so they circle and say, and they
8 are not concerned about the rest of it, but once you do
9 something to one segment you really impact the whole
10 State of Virginia, and they could care less about --
11 I'm sure they care, but they are concerned about
12 theirs -- so once they do that they wouldn't have to

13 like plot all of Virginia. All they have to say is in
14 this area I'm concerned that your plotting, without
15 affecting the rest of Virginia, is taking away this
16 segment, I can see this being taken away, or your
17 plotting is concentrating all of one -- for example
18 since I'm a minority, I can say that -- your plotting
19 is concentrating all the folks that look like me into
20 this little area right here, but quite frankly I like
21 salt and pepper, so my comment would be I want to see
22 some more salt with this pepper here, so that's the
23 kind of comment I could make.

24 MR. STIGALL: Yes. And now that comment
25 wouldn't immediately go out to the public to read

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1 because we don't know what people might say.

2 DELEGATE DANCE: But the committee could
3 get that?

4 MR. STIGALL: If that's something we need
5 to, yes, that's fine.

6 DELEGATE DANCE: As me on this committee,
7 I would want this feedback so that I would know.

8 DELEGATE JONES: Back to what Janet was
9 saying a minute ago, the bottom line is, I give you an
10 example, back in '01 when you get in the southwest on a
11 flat, you know, 2 dimensional map, you have no idea
12 where the mountain runs, the ridge of the mountain, and
13 you might think they are very close to get to a

14 precinct, but it's 45 minutes around the mountain to go
15 vote. Someone could then say oh, wow, you have got to
16 go over two mountain passes here to get there. That's
17 the kind of local feedback that you would get that we
18 necessarily didn't get last time.

19 Senator Martin.

20 SENATOR MARTIN: It was raised in the
21 last back and forth there that I think we need to be
22 careful to pay attention to, it's one thing for this
23 communication to be something that they believe is
24 personal communication to their legislator and then all
25 of a sudden it becomes a public, being triggered as a

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1 public comment. I would be very careful that if it
2 could ever go that way that they know that when they
3 are putting that in there, the world can see it
4 eventually if that's what you are going to do, but I
5 would be more interested in just knowing that somebody
6 has tagged a place and is advising us and giving us
7 input and it not be a public comment necessarily. I
8 think that's sufficient, but if you all think
9 different, we need to make sure we have communicated
10 that effectively to potential commentors.

11 DELEGATE JONES: Excellent point.

12 DELEGATE DANCE: Could it possibly be
13 done both ways and extend that there is some

14 information they would want for committee members only?
15 Is that a possibility? Are we breaking any violations
16 here, and then that information that they want the
17 universe to have?

18 DELEGATE JONES: I'm just thinking kind
19 of out loud, you could say would you like your comments
20 to be shared publicly or would you like these to extend
21 to your Delegate representative, your Senator and your
22 Delegate?

23 DELEGATE DANCE: Yeah.

24 DELEGATE JONES: That's the kind of
25 process I would envision. I agree with you, Steve, you

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1 are right, I mean the bottom line is someone could type
2 something --

3 SENATOR MARTIN: The ability to make a
4 public comment is always there. I mean they can take
5 whatever they are advising us, and they don't have the
6 tag, but they can, they can publicize whatever they are
7 saying through whatever venue they want. I mean they
8 could blog it, they can Face Book it, whatever, Twitter
9 it, they can communicate with whatever part of -- they
10 can call the press, but I think what we are trying to
11 get at here is their communication to us and that's I
12 think what we need to focus on, and if we decide to
13 open a further door that somehow makes it -- I don't
14 see the value of us making their comments public and I

15 think it just would create additional cost and problems
16 for us to even try to head that way.

17 SENATOR HOWELL: Mr. Chairman.

18 DELEGATE JONES: Okay. I got Johnny
19 first and then you, Janet.

20 DELEGATE JOANNOU: I think you have got
21 some legal problems.

22 SENATOR MARTIN: Thank you, counsel.

23 DELEGATE JOANNOU: I just don't think you
24 can come on the computer and talk to your legislator --

25 SENATOR MARTIN: And all of a sudden it's

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1 public.

2 DELEGATE JOANNOU: -- or all of a sudden
3 it's going to be public. I can tell you from my part
4 when we did the last one we must have changed the
5 district I was in 10, 15 times.

6 SENATOR MARTIN: Just couldn't get at
7 you.

8 DELEGATE JOANNOU: well, no, they kept
9 saying, because the federal decision said you got to do
10 this, you have to take into consideration the federal
11 law, you have got to take in consideration all these
12 factors, and staff would say no, you can't do that, and
13 I say why? Because the federal court says you can't do
14 that. Oh, okay, so change it.

15 DELEGATE JONES: So you listened for a
16 change.

17 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Yeah, I had to listen.
18 I didn't have a choice.

19 SENATOR MARTIN: But you still had a lot
20 of questions.

21 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Yeah. But we must
22 have drawn 10 different -- and you remember what
23 happened in Norfolk, but anyway, the problem is all
24 this at that point when you start to draw a district,
25 it that going to be public now?

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1 DELEGATE JONES: What we are talking
2 about right here, and I'll let Janet jump in in a
3 second, what we are determining here is the public's
4 ability to be able to interface with their elected
5 officials. We are not talking about the legislative
6 members drawing anything. This is what is going to be
7 on the web, what capability exists, and how they can
8 communicate to us their desires and wishes as we
9 contemplate, as Albo says, a bill, and that's what we
10 are talking about right now.

11 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Well, let me ask you
12 this, how do you interface that with -- we are going to
13 lose 2 delegates in the western part of the state.

14 DELEGATE JONES: I'm going to ask you a
15 question. Do you use e-mail right now?

16 DELEGATE JOANNOU: No.

17 DELEGATE JONES: Okay, you can't
18 comment -- I'm just kidding. Janet.

19 SENATOR HOWELL: My question was going in
20 the same direction, but it would be my assumption that
21 everything would be discoverable anyway.

22 DELEGATE JONES: Mary?

23 MS. SPAIN: I think that's right. When
24 we prepared the submission papers through Justice, if
25 you open up a website for public comment, one of your

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1 purposes is to show that you have been open to the
2 public and you are listening to them, so I think
3 that's --

4 DELEGATE JOANNOU: That part is fine.

5 DELEGATE JONES: Okay.

6 MS. SPAIN: One aspect of this is it's
7 part of I think the overall record in redistricting.

8 DELEGATE JONES: We have an attorney and
9 then we go to Kent -- Kent and then the attorney.
10 Kent.

11 MR. STIGALL: I just wanted to make it
12 perfectly clear that the desktop redistricting
13 application that goes on in these rooms and you guys
14 use is totally separate, not even -- well, sort of
15 connected to the website part.

16 DELEGATE JONES: That's right.

17 MR. STIGALL: So they are going to be
18 looking at maybe the current House plan is sitting
19 there and a district is real high and another district
20 is real low, and they might zoom in to a spot and put
21 their flag on it and it reports the plan they are
22 referring to, and maybe they put in the member or
23 whoever they want it directed to and they comment and
24 it's stacked in a database. What you guys choose to do
25 with it, I mean, you know, we can, I don't know, print

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1 them in a catalogue.

2 DELEGATE JONES: That would be discussion
3 for a later meeting, but I think do we generally want
4 to go in that direction? I think that's the key we
5 need to decide today.

6 SENATOR MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I think we
7 should generally go in that direction because we do
8 want to give the opportunity for input from our
9 constituents, but that doesn't mean that we need to
10 decide the scope of it.

11 DELEGATE JONES: I agree, right. Okay.
12 Any other questions for Kent in this regard?

13 Johnny, you good?

14 DELEGATE JOANNOU: No, I'm fine.

15 DELEGATE JONES: I just want to make
16 sure.

17 SENATOR MARTIN: Get an e-mail address.

18 DELEGATE JOANNOU: It's subpoenaable.

19 DELEGATE JONES: Kent.

20 MR. STIGALL: I was going to wrap it up
21 with, you know, I think everybody knows this, but the
22 Division of Legislative Automated Systems runs bill
23 tracking, LIS, bill drafting, they maintain the
24 infrastructure for this building, the network, the
25 servers, you know, input points for the members, the

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1 internet, and we are going to utilize their stuff, so
2 we are not buying the server and fiberoptic lines and
3 that kind of stuff, and we are utilizing DLAS's
4 expertise if necessary in building a database of
5 comments and organizing it however we think is best,
6 and that covers it.

7 DELEGATE JONES: All right. Mary,
8 anything on item 5 before we go to number 6?

9 MS. SPAIN: No. Number 6 I'd like to ask
10 Kent, do you have a ballpark number for the amounts of
11 money involved for these contracts?

12 MR. STIGALL: Yes. WorldView solutions
13 as it sits is 23,310, but I think we should plan on
14 adding some to that because I'm going to flesh out some
15 of these specs, and I want to reserve some counseling
16 or services from them if we need it in a pinch.

17 DELEGATE JONES: Okay.

18 MR. STIGALL: AutoBound9 we are going to
19 have 10 copies, that's at \$2000 apiece, and when you
20 buy service, maintenance, update, support, and we have
21 got to plan on a couple years because next fall we may
22 still need it, there may be some better pools, I would
23 like to be able to call on them. Essentially that's
24 right at 23, \$24,000. I'd like to there again, you
25 know, I don't know, I'm planning on requesting about

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1 \$30,000 to cover any changes or updates that we want
2 customized to it and that will certainly cover it.

3 DELEGATE JONES: Okay.

4 MR. STIGALL: Then we have to buy some
5 software, RGI server, and that's going to run a total
6 of 25 grand.

7 DELEGATE JONES: So what's the total
8 amount, I mean just ballpark?

9 MR. STIGALL: For all those, just let me
10 check my paperwork here real quick.

11 DELEGATE JONES: Just looking for a
12 ballpark and within the budget, do you need additional
13 money, funding, we just want to make sure we --

14 MR. STIGALL: I figure we have the money.
15 we may need a little bit for stuff like we have to put
16 new chairs in the redistricting room.

17 DELEGATE JONES: So I guess my question,

18 and Johnny and the other folks, would you need any type
19 of budget amendment with the monies we have allocated
20 now? If like I say services, do you need a separate
21 line item amendment, budget amendment coming from the
22 Senate and the House?

23 MR. STIGALL: Right now as we stand we
24 have the money.

25 DELEGATE JONES: Okay.

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1 MR. STIGALL: I can evaluate it, look at
2 it more closely, and we may come back --

3 DELEGATE JONES: And I would ask that you
4 do that, try to have something for us.

5 MR. STIGALL: -- 15, 20,000.

6 MR. AUSTIN: Possibly needs a contingency
7 because we can't guess what --

8 DELEGATE JONES: Mr. Director, do you
9 have any comments, sir? Did you finish your last
10 redistricting?

11 MR. E.M. MILLER: I apologize first of
12 all. I should have introduced our redistricting team
13 to you all, but just to comment on the last thing, I
14 did an analysis of where the division's year ending
15 balances looks like they are going to look on June 30
16 to see if there's any leverage there, and it is
17 incredibly tight.

18 DELEGATE JONES: Okay. That's what we
19 need to know.

20 MR. E.M. MILLER: So there's really not
21 going to be much leverage room there, so hopefully
22 there'll be some, you know, if they need a small
23 appropriation, I think we are fairly good, but there
24 may be a need for just a very small appropriation, and
25 Kent can get together with you on that at some point.

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1 DELEGATE JONES: To have unanimous
2 support, we need both chambers to make sure you have
3 what you need.

4 MR. STIGALL: I would like to clarify,
5 best case scenario or a real good scenario is we come
6 out with maybe 15,000 left over. I don't think that is
7 going to happen. I know we are going to have to buy
8 lots of paper and printer supplies and all that, so we
9 could be looking --

10 DELEGATE JONES: If you could get a
11 budget together and then just send it around to the
12 membership so we'll know where we are and what you have
13 allocated, where you think you might be, and what you
14 might potentially need, and we can put place holders if
15 we need, you know, in the Senate and the House for a
16 small amount to make sure you get what you need.

17 MR. STIGALL: I can have that in a couple
18 hours.

19 DELEGATE JONES: That would be great.

20 MR. STIGALL: Because I have a budget
21 here.

22 DELEGATE JONES: Take your time.

23 I know Delegate Dance has a question.

24 DELEGATE DANCE: Yes. Electronically
25 can't we save a lot of money as far as all this paper

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1 if we utilize laptops, i-pads and everything? Aren't
2 we going to be using some of this to cut down on you
3 all having to print out all these papers, and we throw
4 this one out and then we use this one, you know, as far
5 as savings, you know? Why are we doing all these hard
6 copies?

7 MR. STIGALL: My best answer is that I
8 really don't know exactly what people are going to want
9 and, you know, it's kind of --

10 DELEGATE DANCE: But you will take that
11 in consideration?

12 MR. STIGALL: Oh, yeah. For example we
13 are not going to have nearly the printers we had last
14 time.

15 DELEGATE JONES: That's a very good
16 point, and if we find out we have got several members
17 who just want reams and reams and reams of maps, you
18 need to kind of make your mind up on what you'd like to

19 have.

20 MR. STIGALL: I don't believe that's
21 going to happen.

22 DELEGATE JONES: I don't think so either,
23 but I know the point you are trying to make.

24 MR. STIGALL: I think you are going to
25 see people want like an 11 by 17 picture of a part of

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1 their district, maybe a couple copies to share with
2 constituents.

3 DELEGATE JONES: E.M.?

4 E.M. MILLER: Should have done this at
5 the beginning of the meeting, and at the appropriate
6 time I would like to make --

7 DELEGATE JONES: Yes, sir, at the very
8 end I have got you already penciled in to make some
9 remarks.

10 All right, Delegate Joannou.

11 DELEGATE JOANNOU: I just want to make
12 sure that staff realizes that anything that goes on in
13 the internet is subpoenaable. Just be aware of that.

14 MR. STIGALL: Yes. This is my 3rd rodeo
15 and about their 4th or 5th.

16 DELEGATE JOANNOU: E-mail too is
17 subpoenaable.

18 DELEGATE JONES: Mary.

19 MS. SPAIN: Item 6 is our requesting you

20 to give us direction to keep moving and proceeding for
21 contracts so that we'll be geared up and ready to go
22 when we get the information, and it may be earlier than
23 it was last go round, so in looking at the Procurement
24 Act, apart from the fact that the money is there, can
25 we spend it, the subdivision A8 of the list of

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1 exemptions to the Procurement Act exempts the purchases
2 that are approved by a chair of the Rules Committee,
3 and that's the route we went last time, and I believe
4 we may have used it the time before, but we did go to
5 the chair of the Rules Committee to ask for approval to
6 proceed.

7 DELEGATE JONES: Would you just need to
8 do a letter from me to the speaker to ask him to
9 request that? would that be appropriate? would that
10 be the best way to go about it?

11 MS. SPAIN: Based on the pattern from
12 last time I have got a resolution.

13 SENATOR MARTIN: That's what I thought.
14 We need to actually vote on it. And this resolution
15 actually serves as a request?

16 DELEGATE JONES: I can do that.

17 MS. SPAIN: And it really asks us to go
18 to the appropriate leadership position and ask for the
19 approval.

20 In the Procurement Act there's also an
21 exemption for purchases below \$50,000, but our purpose
22 in coming here and going to the leadership is to be
23 open about what we are doing and to involve the
24 leadership, be sure there's public knowledge and
25 leadership knowledge of the process that we are going

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1 through.

2 DELEGATE JONES: Senator Martin.

3 SENATOR MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I move
4 that the committee, the Joint Reapportionment Committee
5 adopt the resolution that's been presented giving
6 direction to staff to get the necessary support of the
7 areas of redistricting software application and website
8 development.

9 DELEGATE JONES: Second?

10 DELEGATE JOANNOU: Second.

11 DELEGATE JONES: All in favor say aye.
12 (Unanimous response). Opposed? (No response).

13 SENATOR HOWELL: Mr. Chairman, I think
14 just as you are going to convey that to your Rules
15 Committee, I'll do it also to Senator whipple.

16 DELEGATE JONES: That's fine.

17 SENATOR MARTIN: There's nothing wrong
18 with that. That's not what the resolution called for,
19 but that's fine.

20 DELEGATE JONES: Okay. Mary, next item?

21 MS. SPAIN: Item 7. You have in the
22 packet I think on item 7 a listing of what's in the
23 redistricting application on the front page, and that's
24 here.

25 MR. AUSTIN: Item 7 was just for

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1 information purposes. This is what the committee did
2 last time.

3 MS. SPAIN: Right.

4 MR. AUSTIN: And the list is attached.

5 MS. SPAIN: Right. So it shows you the
6 data elements in the redistricting application, what
7 you have got to cover. It's a lot of information, it
8 generates huge reports. The back page of that item 7
9 shows the data requirements for the Department of
10 Justice and Section 5 preclearance. That drives a lot
11 of the volume of information. Justice requires 10
12 years of election history broken down by precinct. The
13 competition at one of the colleges is not considering
14 election history, not considering incumbency, so there
15 are differences that may make their applications
16 smaller but won't work for us for the ultimate
17 submission of an approved plan.

18 And in regard to that we had at a public
19 hearing comments on the college competition which is so
20 interesting, and certainly on our web page we can put

21 links to other sources of information like the college
22 competition, VPAP, and give people information that
23 way.

24 DELEGATE JONES: Okay. Any questions for
25 Mary? Kent?

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1 MR. STIGALL: I have one comment I think
2 I failed -- we are going to be able to bring in any
3 outside plans that are in kind of an industry standard
4 for delivering GIS data. If it's a Shapefile, if it's
5 a block assignment file, we have the census block
6 number and the district it's in, we will import that
7 and generate a plan into the system. If you guys have
8 a constituent that wants to bring something in, most
9 likely I save that manually, but it could be
10 transmitted, and then if it meets the criteria or
11 however you guys could look at it, it would be yours or
12 you could do whatever you want with it.

13 DELEGATE JONES: Delegate Albo.

14 DELEGATE ALBO: That's actually
15 interesting, more interesting than the computer
16 geekness way you described it, because one thing we
17 were talking about before is how the people in all our
18 public hearings wanted input, if we could make sure
19 during this process that we let people know what format
20 their thing has to be in --

21 MR. STIGALL: Absolutely.

22 DELEGATE ALBO: Yeah, that's great. So
23 there's no limit in modern day times what --

24 MR. STIGALL: If somebody buys for
25 example AutoBound, there's a light version of AutoBound

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1 to the public for eight-fifty a copy, and it, I
2 understand, I didn't really evaluate it, it doesn't
3 serve our purpose, but for an individual it will do
4 real well. You could tell them well, send it on in and
5 put a note in there and I'll look at it, and they would
6 send it in and you could come look at it.

7 DELEGATE ALBO: That's great.

8 MR. STIGALL: Put it into your private
9 directory so nobody else sees it and only you see it,
10 so those kinds of things are there.

11 MR. AUSTIN: Just we have mentioned
12 Michael McDonald's project at George Mason, and I'm
13 assuming that he will be able to output a plan from his
14 system to meet these standards so that someone could go
15 to his website, develop a plan, and send it to the
16 General Assembly.

17 DELEGATE JONES: Okay.

18 MR. AUSTIN: And it would mean that we
19 would not have to operate a separate software system
20 for them to use, just direct it there, as long as it
21 meets the standard to be read back.

22 DELEGATE JONES: Any other comments on 7?
23 So we have the action you need now, correct, Mary, to
24 proceed?

25 MS. SPAIN: Yes.

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1 DELEGATE JONES: Okay. On other
2 business, are there any other actionable items that you
3 have that you need from us at this point in time from
4 the committee?

5 MR. AUSTIN: No.

6 MS. SPAIN: I should think of something.
7 You are all so agreeable today.

8 DELEGATE JONES: I know. I wouldn't get
9 use to that.

10 MR. AUSTIN: I think that brings us up to
11 where we are now.

12 DELEGATE JONES: Okay. As far as a date
13 for the next meeting, I would think that we would want
14 to get back here next month and maybe that Friday
15 before we go home just kind of get an update from you
16 all, and if you have a need for me, then just call
17 something the following week. The first couple weeks
18 probably won't be quite as crazy I don't think for us
19 as far as being able to getting to a meeting, the P and
20 E Committee will be meeting briefly, et cetera, et
21 cetera, so I think in the first week or so we might
22 want to get back together.

23 MR. AUSTIN: Shoot for Friday,
24 January 14th?

25 DELEGATE JONES: No, you and I talk maybe

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1 then, and let's do something maybe Tuesday, Wednesday
2 of next week because most people might want to get out
3 of town early on Friday. I'm thinking they might want
4 to get home because they have a big grind ahead of them
5 for the next 5 or 6 weeks.

6 Before we adjourn I just wanted to make a
7 couple of comments, and E.M., I wanted you to introduce
8 the team. We have a lot of institutional knowledge
9 around this table sitting across from me and to Senator
10 Martin's right, and that is going to serve us very well
11 as we go into this process next year, Mary and Jack,
12 E.M., we have a good team.

13 So E.M., if you would like to introduce
14 the team and then tell us what you are going to be
15 doing come next spring.

16 MR. E.M. MILLER: Well, hopefully laying
17 on the beach down in South Carolina somewhere.

18 DELEGATE JONES: That's what I figured.

19 MR. E.M. MILLER: I did want to talk to
20 you a little bit about this team because they are an
21 incredibly experienced team, especially for the benefit
22 of those who have not been through redistricting with

23 this group. Jack is the team leader, and I want
24 anybody to correct me if I'm doing this off the cuff,
25 so if I mess up somewhere along the line, I believe

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1 this is Jack's fifth redistricting session going all
2 the way back to when he was an assistant with John
3 Warren Cook back in the early '60s or middle '60s.

4 MR. AUSTIN: I remember when you did it
5 by --

6 MR. E.M. MILLER: Exactly, did it by
7 pencil and adding machine. Mary Spain, she is a legal
8 authority in redistricting, and Mary goes back to 1966
9 with the Division of Legislative Services. She's been
10 a panelist and a speaker, presenter at NCSL. She's not
11 only considered an elections expert in Virginia but
12 also across the United States.

13 DELEGATE JONES: And writes a very nice
14 document --

15 MR. E.M. MILLER: Absolutely.

16 DELEGATE JONES: -- that is very thorough
17 and very succinct so the public understands what's
18 going on.

19 MR. E.M. MILLER: And we'll continue
20 doing those periodically along the way and they will be
21 posted on our website, and we'll do a few hard copies
22 and send them out to those people that need to get them
23 that way.

24 Kent Stigall, and Kent, I'm trying to
25 think, this is the third redistricting that you have

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1 been through?

2 MR. STIGALL: Yes.

3 MR. E.M. MILLER: I think 2 of them have
4 been with Legislative Services and maybe one with
5 Legislative Automated Systems before we hired him.
6 Kent is our computer GIS expert, and you'll get
7 tremendous service out of him. He is the person who
8 is, like you said, he's going to be there when you need
9 him, and when you all were talking about availability
10 of staff earlier, I was thinking I don't remember
11 anybody ever coming down and complaining to me about
12 not getting the type of service. We try to do the same
13 redistricting that we provide throughout the year with
14 regard to bill drafting and other services that we
15 provide.

16 David Cotter is the newest member of the
17 team. This will be his first redistricting, but many
18 of you have worked with him in the courts area on,
19 primarily on the civil side, and David is incredibly
20 competent at the computer and you will get great
21 service from David.

22 Julie, this will be her second
23 redistricting session, Julie Smith, she's our GIS

24 specialist. She has an undergraduate degree in
25 geographic information systems and she will always be

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1 here to, always be around to assist you also. We have
2 one other member of the team under the weather today,
3 she's actually expecting in April, so we are not sure
4 how much she's going to be around, Ellen Porter who you
5 probably worked with at the P & E level, maybe in the
6 environmental side, but that's the team, and if we need
7 to bring in others, we'll be bringing those in along
8 the way, but you have got a great staff here to work
9 with. I'm proud of them.

10 DELEGATE JONES: Thank you, E.M.

11 I'd just comment, Kent, did you have a
12 little bit of white right here from 10 years ago?

13 MR. STIGALL: There's a picture down in
14 our hallway.

15 DELEGATE JONES: Oh, okay.

16 MR. STIGALL: And we both look like kids.

17 DELEGATE JONES: And I'm wearing glasses
18 this time around.

19 Any comments from any members of the
20 committee before we adjourn? Hearing none, I thank you
21 for your time. I know it's the holiday season, it's a
22 Friday, and we are adjourned.

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24 ---Conclusion---

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