

IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

Notice of Public Meeting for House Bill No. 5004
Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute

BEFORE: JANET HOWELL, CHAIRPERSON

PLACE: COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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- 4 JILL HOLTZMAN VOGEL, 27th Senate District
- 5 RALPH SMITH, 22nd Senate District
- 6 HARRY B. BLEVINS, 14th Senate District
- 7 MARK D. OBENSHAIN, 26th Senate District

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9 SPEAKERS:

- 10 DELEGATE BILL JANIS
- 11 SENATOR MAMIE E. LOCKE

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13 PRESENT:

- 14 D. HOBIE LEHMAN, Assistant Coordinator of
- 15 Committee Operations/Sergeant-At-Arms

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MADAM CHAIR: The Committee for Privileges
4 and Elections will come to order. The clerk will
5 call the role.

6 THE CLERK: Senator Martin.

7 SENATOR MARTIN: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Senator Deeds.

9 SENATOR DEEDS: Here.

10 THE CLERK: Senator Whipple.

11 SENATOR WHIPPLE: Here.

12 THE CLERK: Senator Obenshain.

13 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Here.

14 THE CLERK: Senator Puckett.

15 SENATOR PUCKETT: Here.

16 THE CLERK: Senator Edwards.

17 SENATOR EDWARDS: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Senator Blevins.

19 SENATOR BLEVINS: Here.

20 THE CLERK: Senator McEachin.

21 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Here.

22 THE CLERK: Senator Petersen.

23 SENATOR PETERSEN: Here.

24 THE CLERK: Senator Smith.

25 SENATOR SMITH: Here.

1 THE CLERK: Senator Barker.

2 SENATOR BARKER: Here.

3 THE CLERK: Senator Northam.

4 SENATOR NORTHAM: Here.

5 THE CLERK: Senator Vogel.

6 Senator McWaters.

7 SENATOR MCWATERS: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Senator Howell.

9 SENATOR HOWELL: Here.

10 THE CLERK: Madam Chair, you have the
11 floor.

12 MADAM CHAIR: The House has communicated
13 House Bill 5004 dealing with congressional
14 redistricting and Delegate Janis is here.

15 Delegate, would you like to present your
16 bill?

17 DELEGATE JANIS: Yes, Ma'am. Thank you.

18 Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the
19 committee.

20 House Bill 5004 is the legislation that
21 will effectuate the constitutionally mandated
22 reapportionment of districts for the congressional
23 delegation for all of the eleven Virginia
24 congressional districts currently in law.

25 The boundary lines in House Bill 5004 were

1 drawn based on several criteria. The first criteria
2 that we applied was that the districts must be drawn
3 to conform with the mandates of the United States
4 Constitution and the Virginia Constitution, and
5 specifically to comply to the one person one vote
6 rule that's contained in both places.

7 This is a significant challenge given the
8 dramatic population shifts that we have seen over
9 the last ten years which were non-uniform, and
10 specifically to the dramatic population increase in
11 Northern Virginia at a corresponding time when you
12 had corresponding losses in the population on the
13 south side and southwest.

14 Secondly, the districts are drawn to
15 conform with all mandates of all applicable federal
16 law and all Supreme Court precedent that's on point.

17 So, specifically, the Voting Rights Act
18 mandates that there be no retrogression in minority
19 voter influence in the third congressional district
20 and is the only minority/majority district currently
21 in existence under the current lines.

22 So that was one of the criteria that was
23 mandatory and then we also drew it to comply with
24 the federal mandate which would be a zero variance
25 in these districts.

1 And what the zero variance means is that
2 each of the eleven congressional districts must be
3 drawn so as to encompass no fewer than 727,365
4 residents, but no more than 727,366 residents. One
5 person variance.

6 Third, the districts are drawn to respect
7 to the greatest degree possible the will of the
8 Virginia electorate as it was expressed in the
9 November 2010 congressional elections. So the
10 territory of the districts are based on the core of
11 the existing congressional districts.

12 What I attempted to do was with the minimum
13 amount of change or disruption try to keep the core
14 of the districts consistent with the existing
15 corners. So you will see the lines don't change
16 very much. They have to change obviously because of
17 the population shifts, but we tried to make those
18 changes as with the least amount of disruption to
19 continuity or representation as possible.

20 The plan does not cut currently elected
21 congressman out of their current districts. Nor
22 does it presume to lump current congressmen together
23 in single districts so that they would have to
24 compete against each other.

25 What this plan simply does is it tries to

1 respect the results of the last election cycle.
2 You'll also note that the plan attempts wherever
3 possible to stay consistent with the constitutional
4 mandates and federal law mandates to keep counties,
5 cities, and towns intact.

6 And not only to keep jurisdictions in the
7 localities intact, but reunite wherever possible
8 existing split jurisdictions, counties, cities, or
9 towns. You will note there are three counties:
10 Allegheny runs within Caroline, and one city, the
11 city of Covington, reunited in a single
12 congressional district under this plan.

13 In fact, House Bill 5004 splits fewer
14 jurisdictions in the current congressional district
15 lines.

16 We also tried to wherever possible
17 consistent with the population shifts and the
18 constitutional and federal law mandates, try to keep
19 intact local communities of interest, and to reunite
20 wherever possible communities of interest that have
21 been split in previous redistricting plans. Reston
22 and Northern Virginia would be the primary examples
23 of a community of interest if you are looking at
24 what that sort of means.

25 It's not a county, city, or town, but most

1 folks in that region would think that they have some
2 sort of a commonality of interest.

3 We reunite Reston under this plan. We try
4 to do the same thing, not only hold harmless
5 existing local communities of interest, but reunite
6 some that have been split in previous plans.

7 Finally, the district boundary lines were
8 drawn based in part on specific and detailed
9 recommendations I received from each of the eleven
10 members currently elected to congress, both
11 Republican and Democrat.

12 We tried to get input from them as to how
13 best to draw the boundaries in order to preserve the
14 local communities of interest within their district.
15 And so each congressman provided specific, detailed,
16 and significant recommendation as to how the lines
17 of their district should be drawn.

18 And so that we could meet the 727,365
19 benchmark with the least amount of disruption and
20 continuity of representation of constituent service.

21 I've spoken with each member of the
22 Virginia Congressional Delegation, Republican and
23 Democrat, last Thursday, shown them House Bill 5004
24 and left them a copy, showed them a map of the lines
25 as reflected in 5004.

1 And each member of the congressional
2 delegation both republican and democrat has told me
3 that the lines in 5004 conform to the
4 recommendations that they have provided me, and they
5 support the lines for how their district is drawn.

6 I didn't get an opinion from any of them as
7 to the entire plan in its totality, but rather,
8 asked each specific member whether or not the lines
9 for their district conform generally with the
10 recommendations they had provided. And they each
11 said that they could support the lines in this plan
12 as they are currently drawn vis-a-vis their
13 district.

14 Without any further delay, I'm going to be
15 happy to answer any questions that you may have.

16 MADAM CHAIR: Are there any questions for
17 Delegate Janis? Senator Obenshain.

18 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Delegate, to the extent
19 you have not already itemized the matters in which
20 you believe this to be or not to be a bipartisan
21 plan, would you elaborate on that?

22 Perhaps I have not checked to see the
23 extent to which it had any bipartisan support in the
24 House, but could you comment on that, the nature of
25 the -- bipartisan nature of this plan.

1 DELEGATE JANIS: I could tell you we just
2 passed the bill out of the House. We have a rule
3 that we are not supposed to talk about what we do
4 down the hall in the senate. I am not sure if you
5 have a rule about that. It passed with 71 yes votes
6 in the House.

7 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Madam Chair?

8 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

9 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: This is a plan in which
10 you consulted republicans and democrats drawing it?

11 DELEGATE JANIS: Yes.

12 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Consulted all
13 republican and democratic representatives in
14 congress?

15 DELEGATE JANIS: I met with each
16 congressmen, both the republicans and the democrats,
17 all eleven of them, and each member of congress,
18 Republican and Democrat on Thursday when I showed
19 them the total map and a section of this drawing
20 before you with two technical exceptions that -- two
21 technical amendments that we made subsequently.

22 And each member of the congressional
23 delegation, republican and democrat, said that they
24 support the lines for their district as they are
25 drawn in this.

1 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Can you --

2 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

3 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Thank you, Madam
4 Chairman.

5 Can you also comment on the length of time
6 that this map has been available for public
7 inspection or a version of it?

8 DELEGATE JANIS: Well, I introduced the
9 legislation last Wednesday, so Legislative Services
10 turned the map around pretty quickly. So my
11 understanding was it was not online Wednesday, but
12 by Thursday this map was available for public review
13 online as of last Thursday.

14 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Have you received
15 public comment upon the map?

16 DELEGATE JANIS: I would say we had
17 hearings both last year and this year where we gave
18 the public notice, an opportunity to be heard, and
19 what we were particularly keen on was in these
20 public hearings, the public -- these public hearings
21 were advertised as being for comment on the Virginia
22 Senate Plan, the Virginia House of Delegates Plan,
23 and the Congressional District Plan.

24 We hadn't had a hearing subsequent, but we
25 did have a hearing for the Virginia Elections

1 Committee and the House of Delegates where the
2 public was given notice and an opportunity to be
3 heard, and that meeting was scheduled I think last
4 Wednesday. So the meeting was held yesterday, so we
5 gave the required notice and opportunity to be heard
6 to the public.

7 On this specific plan we also took public
8 comment in previous meetings both last year and this
9 spring.

10 MADAM CHAIR: This morning when we were
11 meeting, I handed out a report of all of the public
12 comments on the various plans so that would be in
13 that report.

14 Senator Deeds.

15 SENATOR DEEDS: I'm curious. I'm looking
16 at districts two, three, and four, and am I correct
17 that this District 2 kind of wraps around the point
18 there, Hampton Roads, and comes down the Elizabeth
19 River and picks up portions, looks like the cities
20 of Norfolk, and maybe it picks up part of the city
21 of Norfolk on both sides, or at least on that side
22 of the Elizabeth River. It kind of wraps around
23 that point?

24 DELEGATE JANIS: That's correct.

25 SENATOR DEEDS: Senator --

1 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, Senator Deeds.

2 SENATOR DEEDS: -- several weeks ago I read
3 a report in Politico that indicated that the
4 congress people, the eleven had come to an
5 agreement, and then the Cook Report published a map
6 that was eerily close to this. So is that, is this
7 -- would you agree that this map is pretty close to
8 the one that the reports indicated the congress
9 people had agreed to several weeks ago?

10 DELEGATE JANIS: I can tell you, I didn't
11 read the Cook Report. I didn't read any of the
12 blogs on it. So I wouldn't want to offer an
13 opinion. If you want to characterize it as being
14 similar, I'm not competent to give an answer on
15 that. All I know is where the lines are. I didn't
16 read any of the blog commentary.

17 SENATOR DEEDS: Okay. Thanks.

18 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Petersen.

19 SENATOR PETERSEN: Delegate Janis, you said
20 you spoke with the eleven congressional
21 representatives, and they approve of this plan, at
22 least to their own districts.

23 DELEGATE JANIS: I want to be very precise,
24 vis-a-vis the lines of their specific district.
25 They approved the line of their specific district.

1 I didn't ask as to whether or not if any of them
2 supported the plan in its totality.

3 SENATOR DEEDS: Did you speak with anyone
4 who plans to run against those incumbents as to what
5 their position was as to this plan?

6 DELEGATE JANIS: No, I didn't.

7 SENATOR DEEDS: Do you have any knowledge
8 as to how this plan improves the partisan
9 performance of those incumbents in their own
10 district?

11 DELEGATE JANIS: I haven't looked at the
12 partisan performance. It was not one of the factors
13 that I considered in the drawing of the district.

14 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Petersen.

15 SENATOR PETERSEN: Further question. The
16 plan we have before us, was that plan presented to
17 you or is this something that you put together
18 yourself?

19 DELEGATE JANIS: The plan is my piece of
20 legislation.

21 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Petersen.

22 SENATOR PETERSEN: That's not quite my
23 question, delegate. Did someone else present this
24 plan to you?

25 DELEGATE JANIS: I had assistance in

1 drawing it up, because..., I didn't sit at the
2 computer and actually draw the lines. I'm not
3 competent to do maptitude, but I had staff
4 assistance to do it.

5 SENATOR PETERSEN: That's all I have.

6 MADAM CHAIR: Are there any further
7 questions?

8 Would anyone in the audience like to speak
9 to House Bill 5004? I see no one coming forward.
10 There is an amendment in the nature of substitute
11 that Legislative Services has.

12 SENATOR DEEDS: I have -- I move to adopt
13 the amendment nature of the substitute.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

15 MADAM CHAIR: It's been moved and seconded
16 that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be
17 adopted. All in favor please say, yea.

18 (Yea responses heard.)

19 MADAM CHAIR: Any opposed?

20 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Where is it?

21 MADAM CHAIR: It's coming.

22 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Well, can we wait until
23 it comes around?

24 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, we can wait. Just by
25 way of explanation, the amendment in the nature of a

1 substitute is now the Locke plan that we discussed
2 this morning. It is my understanding it's identical
3 to the Locke plan that we discussed this morning.

4 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: That was the question I
5 was going to ask. What were we voting on?

6 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

7 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Madam Chairman, in
8 light of some of the questions asked of Delegate
9 Janis, may I ask Senator Locke a couple of follow-up
10 questions?

11 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, but I believe we should
12 adopt the substitute first.

13 SENATOR DEEDS: We have a motion.

14 MADAM CHAIR: We have a motion on the floor
15 to adopt the substitute, and then you can ask
16 questions.

17 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Well, I mean, are we --
18 well, I mean, my questions relate to whether I want
19 to adopt the substitute.

20 MADAM CHAIR: Could you withdraw your
21 motion?

22 SENATOR DEEDS: I withdraw the motion,
23 sure.

24 MADAM CHAIR: And the substitute. Okay.

25 SENATOR MARTIN: Observe parliamentary,

1 real quick.

2 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Martin.

3 SENATOR MARTIN: Is it not appropriate when
4 a motion is made that questions can go to that
5 motion. I don't think he has to --

6 MADAM CHAIR: At this point there is no
7 motion, so he can. There might have been, but there
8 is none.

9 SENATOR MARTIN: Okay.

10 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

11 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: If I may, Senator
12 Locke, your map for your plan, was that released
13 last week?

14 SENATOR LOCKE: It was released after I
15 introduced the bill which was yesterday.

16 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Was the map released
17 yesterday or the map released today?

18 Do you know when the map was made available
19 for the public to see?

20 SENATOR LOCKE: After I introduced the
21 bill.

22 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Did you consult with
23 all eleven members of the congressional delegation
24 of republicans and democrats in crafting your bill?

25 SENATOR LOCKE: No. I did not, no.

1 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Did you consult with
2 members of the minority, the republicans and the
3 senate in an effort to make your bill bipartisan?

4 SENATOR LOCKE: No, I did not.

5 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Is there anything --

6 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

7 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: -- is there anything
8 about your bill that you can reference or any
9 efforts that you can point us to that you made to
10 make your bill reflective of a bipartisan effort at
11 all?

12 SENATOR LOCKE: My efforts, senator, as you
13 are well aware, was to increase or to have a second
14 minority district. That was my purpose as had been
15 indicated by the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus
16 several weeks ago, and we indicated then that we
17 would be looking at the third and the fourth as the
18 districts where we would be making said changes.

19 So it wasn't done in secret. You know,
20 there was nothing done to remove any legislator from
21 his district. So it wasn't as though we were doing
22 this on the sly.

23 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Madam Chairman?

24 MADAM CHAIR: Are you finished, Senator
25 Locke?

1 SENATOR LOCKE: Yes.

2 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

3 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Madam Chairman, when
4 you indicate that it was done not in secret, were
5 there any meetings of your group or your working
6 group that were advertised or notice given to any
7 member of the committee for the general public so we
8 could participate and make comments in the process?

9 SENATOR LOCKE: No, there was not.

10 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Madam Chair?

11 MADAM CHAIR: Senator McEachin.

12 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Just a comment,
13 especially as to Senator Obenshain's last question.
14 I would submit that the same amount of publicity and
15 public comment has been afforded this plan as every
16 other plan that has been put forward in this year's
17 redistricting process.

18 And indeed having been a veteran of prior
19 redistricting, particularly '01, I would submit to
20 you there has been more public input in this
21 congressional redistricting plan both of Delegate
22 Janis's as well as Senator Locke's than there was in
23 2001.

24 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Madam Chair?

25 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain and then

1 Senator Martin.

2 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: I don't want to engage
3 anyone in debate.

4 MADAM CHAIR: No, we won't.

5 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: I would simply say that
6 with the previous plans and with the Janis plan at
7 least I had a day, or two days, or three days to
8 actually look at it, analyze it, and figure out what
9 they were proposing.

10 This plan, I didn't see the map until
11 today, and I know the bill was introduced yesterday,
12 but you know, it just has not provided a meaningful
13 opportunity for me as a legislator to be able to
14 digest and to analyze what really is the full scope
15 of the proposal. I mean, so those are the purposes
16 of my comments.

17 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Martin.

18 SENATOR MARTIN: I would just observe,
19 Madam Chairman, that the assertion has as much
20 visibility and ability for public comment as any
21 other proposal and is not possible in light of the
22 fact that it has just been released yesterday
23 afternoon at the earliest, if it was then, and where
24 others have had some days and in some instances a
25 week plus to review. So thank you, Madam Chairman.

1 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you.

2 Senator Edwards.

3 SENATOR EDWARDS: I have a question for
4 Senator Locke. I think this was raised either when
5 we were dealing with your plan in the senate, your
6 senate bill, as opposed to the substitute, but what
7 is the percentage of African Americans in Virginia
8 in the population?

9 SENATOR LOCKE: 20 percent.

10 SENATOR EDWARDS: How much?

11 SENATOR LOCKE: About 20 percent.

12 SENATOR EDWARDS: About 20 percent. On a
13 pro rata basis how many districts should be African
14 American majority or influence --

15 MADAM CHAIR: Can you speak a little
16 louder, please?

17 SENATOR EDWARDS: Yes. How many districts
18 should be African American influenced than on a pro
19 rata basis would that call for?

20 SENATOR LOCKE: Two plus.

21 SENATOR EDWARDS: Two plus. And your
22 district provides for how many?

23 SENATOR LOCKE: Two.

24 SENATOR EDWARDS: Two. Okay. Thank you.

25 MADAM CHAIR: All right. I don't see any

1 further hands.

2 SENATOR DEEDS: I move we adopt the
3 amendment nature of the substitute.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

5 MADAM CHAIR: It's been moved and seconded
6 that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be
7 adopted.

8 Any further comments? All in favor please
9 say, yea.

10 (Yea responses are heard.)

11 MADAM CHAIR: Opposed?

12 (Nay responses are heard.)

13 SENATOR DEEDS: I move we support the bill.

14 MADAM CHAIR: Let's call the role, please.

15 THE CLERK: Senator Martin.

16 SENATOR MARTIN: No.

17 THE CLERK: Senator Deeds.

18 SENATOR DEEDS: Yes.

19 THE CLERK: Senator Whipple.

20 SENATOR WHIPPLE: Yes.

21 THE CLERK: Senator Obenshain.

22 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: No.

23 THE CLERK: Senator Puckett.

24 SENATOR PUCKETT: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Senator Edwards.

1 SENATOR EDWARDS: Aye.

2 THE CLERK: Senator Blevins.

3 SENATOR BLEVINS: No.

4 THE CLERK: Senator McEachin.

5 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Senator Petersen.

7 SENATOR PETERSEN: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Senator Smith.

9 SENATOR SMITH: No.

10 THE CLERK: Senator Barker.

11 SENATOR BARKER: Yes.

12 THE CLERK: Senator Northam.

13 SENATOR NORTHAM: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: Senator Vogel.

15 SENATOR VOGEL: No, by proxy.

16 THE CLERK: Senator McWaters.

17 SENATOR MCWATERS: No.

18 THE CLERK: Senator Howell.

19 SENATOR HOWELL: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Nine yeas, six nays.

21 MADAM CHAIR: The motion passes to adopt on

22 nine yeas, six nays.

23 SENATOR DEEDS: Madam Chair?

24 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Deeds.

25 SENATOR DEEDS: I now move that we support

1 the bill as amended.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

3 MADAM CHAIR: It's been moved and seconded
4 that the bill be reported -- the bill as amended be
5 reported. Is there anyone --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

7 MADAM CHAIR: I thought it was seconded.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second, right here.
9 I'm sorry.

10 MADAM CHAIR: Okay. It has been seconded.

11 All right. Is there anyone in the audience
12 who would like to speak to this motion?

13 Seeing no one, does anyone on the committee
14 wish to make a comment?

15 Hearing no one, let's have the vote to
16 report the committee amendment in the nature of a
17 substitute.

18 Clerk, call the role.

19 THE CLERK: Senator Martin.

20 SENATOR MARTIN: No.

21 THE CLERK: Senator Deeds.

22 SENATOR DEEDS: Yes.

23 THE CLERK: Senator Whipple.

24 SENATOR WHIPPLE: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Senator Obenshain.

1 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: No.
2 THE CLERK: Senator Puckett.
3 SENATOR PUCKETT: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Senator Edwards.
5 SENATOR EDWARDS: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Senator Blevins.
7 SENATOR BLEVINS: No.
8 THE CLERK: Senator McEachin.
9 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Senator Petersen.
11 SENATOR PETERSEN: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Senator Smith.
13 SENATOR SMITH: No.
14 THE CLERK: Senator Barker.
15 SENATOR BARKER: Yes.
16 THE CLERK: Senator Northam.
17 SENATOR NORTHAM: Yes.
18 THE CLERK: Senator Vogel.
19 SENATOR VOGEL: No.
20 THE CLERK: Senator McWaters.
21 SENATOR MCWATERS: No.
22 THE CLERK: Senator Howell.
23 SENATOR HOWELL: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: Nine yeas, six nays.
25 MADAM CHAIR: The bill is reported nine

1 yes, six no.

2 DELEGATE JANIS: Thank you, chairman.

3 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you, delegate.

4 There being no more business, the committee
5 will rise.

6 (Whereupon, the proceedings at 12:40 p.m.
7 were concluded.)

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