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12 SENATOR MAMIE E. LOCKE

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15 MEREDITH MCCOY, Student

16 NICK MUELLER, Student

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
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3 MADAM CHAIR: Call the roll.
4 THE CLERK: Senator Martin.
5 SENATOR MARTIN: Here.
6 THE CLERK: Senator Deeds.
7 SENATOR DEEDS: Here.
8 THE CLERK: Senator Whipple.
9 SENATOR WHIPPLE: Here.
10 THE CLERK: Senator Obenshain.
11 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Here.
12 THE CLERK: Senator Puckett.
13 SENATOR PUCKETT: Here.
14 THE CLERK: Senator Edwards.
15 SENATOR EDWARDS: Here.
16 THE CLERK: Senator Blevins.
17 SENATOR BLEVINS: Here.
18 THE CLERK: Senator McEachin.
19 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Here.
20 THE CLERK: Senator Petersen.
21 SENATOR PETERSEN: Here.
22 THE CLERK: Senator Smith.
23 SENATOR SMITH: Here.
24 THE CLERK: Senator Barker.
25 SENATOR BARKER: Here.

1 THE CLERK: Senator Northam.

2 SENATOR NORTHAM: Here.

3 THE CLERK: Senator Vogel.

4 SENATOR VOGEL: Here.

5 THE CLERK: Senator McWaters.

6 SENATOR MCWATERS: Here.

7 THE CLERK: Senator Howell.

8 SENATOR HOWELL: Here.

9 THE CLERK: Madam Chair, your floor.

10 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you. In front of you
11 you have a comment report on the legislative
12 services received on all of the various proposals
13 that have come in front of us. We do not yet have
14 the court reporter, but we have two recording
15 systems that hopefully are working, and then when
16 the court reporter comes, we will have a third
17 backup.

18 We have -- the plan for today is we have
19 two senate bills dealing with congressional
20 redistricting. We will hear the patrons present
21 each of those bills.

22 We will not vote this morning, because the
23 House is currently in the process of passing the
24 House bill. When that is communicated to the
25 senate, hopefully by noon, we will recess and then

1 we will meet again to hear the House plan and then
2 we will have votes.

3 Anybody else have questions about that?

4 The first bill we have is Senator Miller's
5 bill, Senate Bill 5000. Good morning, senator.

6 SENATOR MILLER: Good morning, Madam Chair,
7 members of the committee. As you know, colleges
8 across the Commonwealth recently held a competition
9 to draw house, senate, and congressional districts.
10 And as you consider these congressional lines, I
11 wanted you to have the benefit of thinking of the
12 leading college plan that was drawn by law students
13 from the College of William and Mary.

14 There may be a concept or an idea in their
15 plan that would benefit your final product. Their
16 districts are certainly more compact than the
17 current, and they may also have some other
18 advantages as well.

19 With us today are two of the students who
20 drew those plans, Meredith McCoy and Nick Mueller.
21 They will explain the plan and answer any questions
22 you may have.

23 MR. MCCOY: Good, morning. I'm Meredith
24 McCoy. I just want to thank Mr. Miller and the
25 committee for giving us the opportunity to present

1 our maps to you.

2 Just to give you an overview of how we
3 started, we started with a blank slate. We really
4 considered for a while as to how do we start with
5 the existing map and those lines or just start from
6 a blank slate and really start from scratch.

7 We thought the best way to achieve the most
8 objective map possible was really to start from a
9 blank slate and work with the criteria from there.

10 Nick, I think, will speak to the specifics
11 of the bill, but generally, we started with Northern
12 Virginia and Richmond and our majority/minority
13 district and worked from there.

14 MR. MUELLER: When we looked at the map, we
15 looked at trying to keep communities of interest
16 together as the primary goal of redistricting. The
17 idea that representation should be about
18 representing a group that has common interests.

19 To do that, we said that the first areas
20 that are most uniquely common interest are, one,
21 that Richmond as a city has a unique interest as
22 opposed to the current map which splits Richmond as
23 well as Henrico and Chesterfield counties up into
24 three or four districts should all be one.

25 The map before you has all of Richmond, all

1 of Chester, almost all of Chesterfield. I believe
2 all of Chesterfield and almost all of Henrico County
3 all together.

4 You also see up in Northern Virginia as
5 opposed to our current maps and some of the other
6 proposed maps which kind of weave in and out of each
7 other, we have created concentric semi-circles. The
8 theory being that the closer you are to D.C., the
9 more in common you have with those kinds of folks.
10 The people who are in Alexandria and Arlington
11 probably have more in common with each other than
12 they do with someone who is out in Manassas.

13 So we want to be -- the closer you are to
14 D.C. the more D.C. like you are, and the further out
15 you are, the more western Virginian that you are.

16 We all know that many of the people who are
17 close to D.C. affiliate themselves almost as much
18 with D.C. as they do with the state, so they should
19 be able to have their common interests together.

20 We also try to correct what we thought were
21 some regularities in the majority/minority district.
22 It currently breaks up many, many communities. It
23 stretches all the way from Richmond down into
24 Newport News and Hamilton, and those aren't
25 necessarily communities that share everything in

1 common. And the folks in Richmond just because they
2 happen to be of the same race don't necessarily have
3 the same interest that people who are on the shore
4 do and may be interested in the military bases, may
5 be interested in the commerce that comes from ports.

6 And so we tried to create a district that
7 keeps those communities not just based on race, but
8 based on the other things that bind communities as
9 well.

10 If you have any questions --

11 MADAM CHAIR: Are there any? Are there any
12 questions?

13 SENATOR EDWARDS: Madam Chair?

14 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Edwards.

15 SENATOR EDWARDS: What you have here is
16 very thoughtful. You had the Roanoke Valley and the
17 eighth district. I guess you re-numbered them, but
18 tell me why that should be in that area of interest
19 as opposed to sharing a common interest which you
20 have nearer to the valley which is the number in
21 that area and through the communities of interest in
22 the primary counties? There are people in
23 Montgomery, Roanoke Valley, and on a regular basis.

24 MR. MUELLER: Yes, that was one of those
25 tough decisions that we had to make. When you look

1 at bouncing population and trying to keep
2 communities of interest together. We chose instead
3 to keep Roanoke and Salem with the surrounding
4 county as opposed to breaking it up as I believe the
5 other maps that you see today does. Assuming that
6 Roanoke city and county have some common interest as
7 well.

8 SENATOR EDWARDS: Madam Chair?

9 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Edwards.

10 MR. MUELLER: I believe the other bill,
11 Senate Bill 5004 that you will see today, the other
12 map right there has the southern part of Roanoke
13 county set out to a separate district.

14 SENATOR PUCKETT: Madam Chair?

15 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, Senator Puckett.

16 SENATOR PUCKETT: Could you tell me if
17 it's -- it's hard to tell by looking at your map.
18 That the present ninth district congress actually
19 live in the ninth congressional district from your
20 map?

21 MS. MCCOY: Actually, when we drew our map
22 we were completely blind as to the residences of all
23 of the congressmen just because we wanted to remain
24 as objective as we possibly could and keep politics
25 out of it. As I understand it, the law doesn't

1 actually require congressmen to live in their
2 district. Take that for what that's worth.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, that's the
4 case so far.

5 SENATOR PUCKETT: Madam Chair?

6 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Puckett.

7 SENATOR PUCKETT: He was elected by that
8 current situation. My question, does he live in it
9 now?

10 MS. MCCOY: No.

11 MR. MUELLER: No.

12 SENATOR PUCKETT: Okay. So he still
13 doesn't live in the ninth district?

14 MR. MUELLER: According to the way this is
15 drawn.

16 SENATOR PUCKETT: Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 MADAM CHAIR: If I might ask, how many of
18 the incumbent congressmen do not live in the
19 district as you have drawn it?

20 MS. MCCOY: I'm not positive. It's not
21 something we were really aware of, but I think all
22 but two.

23 MR. MUELLER: Two or three.

24 SENATOR DEEDS: Madam Chair?

25 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Deeds.

1 SENATOR DEEDS: I would suggest they all
2 live somewhere in Virginia. They all have a
3 district.

4 SENATOR PETERSEN: Madam Chair?

5 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Petersen.

6 SENATOR PETERSEN: I just wanted to follow
7 up on Northern Virginia. It looks to me like you
8 basically made a distinction between inside the
9 beltway and outside the beltway. Is that roughly
10 correct?

11 MR. MUELLER: That was the attempt as
12 nearest could happen on population restraints.

13 MADAM CHAIR: Are there any further
14 questions? Okay. I'd like to thank you both very
15 much for presenting your plan. I think we have all
16 been inspired by the efforts that so many students
17 have made, and I think you have some good
18 suggestions, and I hope you also realize how
19 difficult this job is.

20 MS. MCCOY: That's one thing we were
21 walking away from this process with is a great
22 appreciation for your job. So thank you for having
23 us.

24 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you very much.

25 SENATOR SMITH: Madam Chair?

1 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, Senator Smith.

2 SENATOR SMITH: Senator Miller, do you
3 believe this is the best plan of the plans
4 submitted?

5 SENATOR MILLER: I think this is one of
6 many plans. If we gave everybody a pen in the
7 senate, we would get 40 different plans. It
8 wouldn't be a plan I would draw, but I think it's a
9 very good plan.

10 SENATOR SMITH: Madam Chair?

11 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, Senator Smith.

12 SENATOR SMITH: You are offering this plan?

13 SENATOR MILLER: Yes, sir.

14 SENATOR SMITH: If you are offering a bill,
15 would you not offer the very best bill you could
16 offer?

17 SENATOR MILLER: I'm offering the winning
18 plans from the students' competition, and it is the
19 best student plan that's offered.

20 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Smith.

21 SENATOR SMITH: I'm confused. Why would
22 somebody bring a bill forward if it was not in their
23 personal opinion that it would be the best for the
24 Commonwealth to use that plan?

25 SENATOR MILLER: This was done by request.

1 I wanted to have the opportunity for you to look at
2 their plan and incorporate the good ideas.

3 SENATOR SMITH: Madam Chair?

4 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Smith.

5 SENATOR SMITH: I don't think I'm different
6 from -- throughout the year we get many ideas for
7 bills forwarded to our office, and obviously, all of
8 them do not present to us individually as a good
9 idea. So we answer yes.

10 It's our job to listen but would it not be
11 our responsibility to bring the best plan forward
12 before we presented the bill to sign off on?

13 SENATOR DEEDS: Madam Chair, the point is
14 clear.

15 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Deeds.

16 SENATOR DEEDS: Madam Chair, the questions
17 I think are calling the senator's motives in
18 question. And I don't know that we have ever as a
19 matter of custom and tradition in the senate allowed
20 questioning that called a senator's, an individual
21 senator's motives into question. I just don't think
22 the question is warranted.

23 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Madam Chair?

24 MADAM CHAIR: Senator McEachin.

25 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Madam Chair, I agree

1 with the senator. In addition, Senator Miller says
2 he has done this by request. Of course Senator
3 Smith is a new member of the senate and perhaps he
4 doesn't understand what by request means. But
5 oftentimes we bring legislation by request from
6 constituents from interest groups so they have an
7 opportunity to be heard, and I think that's what
8 Senator Miller just said.

9 SENATOR MARTIN: Madam Chair?

10 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Martin and then
11 Senator Smith.

12 SENATOR MARTIN: If Senator Smith wants to
13 talk, that's fine.

14 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Smith.

15 SENATOR SMITH: Madam Chair, for the
16 information, generally, I believe I'm correct, that
17 I arrived at the Virginia Senate the same day
18 Senator McEachin arrived and that wasn't yesterday.
19 I understand where we are going. If you refuse to
20 answer, you refuse to acknowledge. I understand I'm
21 outnumbered also, but I wish you would answer the
22 question.

23 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Smith, I do believe
24 Senator Miller answered the question.

25 Senator Martin.

1 SENATOR MARTIN: Madam Chair, there is no
2 question we should not challenge people as to their
3 motives, though I have seen it on the open floor and
4 on the committee before, but we should not. I would
5 just ask this. You have the vote by request and I
6 know what that means and we get those from time to
7 time, would you recommend to us that we adopt this?

8 SENATOR MILLER: I recommend that you study
9 it carefully to see what ideas that they have and
10 incorporate them into your final product.

11 SENATOR MARTIN: Thank you.

12 MADAM CHAIR: Is there anyone in the
13 audience who would like to comment on Senate Bill
14 5003? I don't see anyone.

15 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Madam Chair?

16 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

17 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: If I could ask Senator
18 Miller a question just prompted by his last comment.
19 You recommend, senator, that we incorporate this
20 into our final plan. How would you recommend that
21 and was it incorporated into the plan that is
22 offered by the majority?

23 SENATOR MILLER: I think what you have to
24 do as a committee is to look at the plans that are
25 before you and incorporate the best of the plans in

1 your final product.

2 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: So you are asking that
3 we reject the plan that has been offered by Senator
4 Locke so we can modify it to make changes that were
5 corrected in your plan?

6 SENATOR MILLER: I'm suggesting if you see
7 something in this plan that is a good idea and you
8 can incorporate it into any other plan, you do that.

9 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Do you have specific
10 recommendations as to how Senator Locke's plan
11 should be modified in light of the recommendations
12 that you brought forward?

13 SENATOR MILLER: No, I think the committee
14 can decide for itself as to which direction to head.

15 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: You don't have a single
16 one?

17 MADAM CHAIR: Let's not have running
18 debate.

19 SENATOR MILLER: Sorry. I think you ought
20 to look at the compactness of this plan, so.

21 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

22 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Thank you. So you
23 don't believe that Senator Locke's plan is
24 essentially compact?

25 SENATOR MILLER: I never said that.

1 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Madam Chair?

2 MADAM CHAIR: Senator McEachin.

3 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Senator Miller, when you
4 speak in terms of compactness, are you comparing the
5 William and Mary plan to the current map as was
6 adopted in 2001?

7 SENATOR MILLER: Yes, it's much more
8 compact.

9 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Madam Chair?

10 MADAM CHAIR: Senator McEachin.

11 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Isn't that one of the
12 attractive features of the William and Mary plan
13 that's also reflected in Senator Lucas's plan which
14 is the impacting of the African American districts
15 not less in the African American majority district?
16 Is that not something that's attracted in the
17 William and Mary plan that is also included in
18 Senator Lucas's plan?

19 SENATOR MILLER: It's very impacted.

20 SENATOR MCEACHIN: Excuse me. Senator
21 Locke's plan. I said Senator Lucas instead of
22 Senator Locke.

23 Thank you, Madam Chair.

24 MADAM CHAIR: Next we have Senate Bill
25 5004. Senator Locke.

1 SENATOR LOCKE: Thank you, Madam Chair,
2 members of the committee, for giving me this
3 opportunity to present now my plan that was
4 previously discussed without having been heard.

5 Senate Bill 5004 attempts to create an
6 opportunity for greater minority participation and
7 voting and elective candidates of choice. The
8 Voting Rights Act protects African American voters
9 in the wake of historic voter discrimination in
10 certain states and counties.

11 Its purpose is not to have these voters
12 packed into selected districts. Minority rights are
13 not always served by districts that are overly
14 packed.

15 Minority influence is diluted in districts
16 surrounding the packed majority/minority districts
17 because individuals selected may not feel compelled
18 to address minority concerns as part of their
19 agenda. Thus, support from minority legislation is
20 limited.

21 African Americans and other minorities do
22 not necessarily need overly packed districts to get
23 elected. Minority candidates have chances of being
24 elected from districts with less than 50 percent
25 minority voters. I offer to you three examples.

1 The current mayor of Newport News and
2 McKinley Price was elected city wide and Newport
3 News is not a minority -- majority/minority district
4 or city.

5 Bill Ward in Chesapeake was elected as
6 mayor in a city that was not a majority/minority
7 city. Mayor Locke was elected mayor of Hamilton in
8 a city that was not majority/minority.

9 Virginia has 20 percent African American
10 population, yet only one member of the 11 member
11 congressional delegation is an African American. I
12 ask you if this is fair representation.

13 This congressional plan being presented
14 represents an alternative to the Incumbent
15 Protection Plan. This option, i.e., the Incumbent
16 Protection Plan, offers no change and gives voters
17 what they already had, an already packed third
18 district with no opportunity to African Americans to
19 select candidates of choice except in the 8th and
20 the 11th.

21 Senate Bill 5004 provides some slight
22 shifts in changes that would create a new
23 minority/majority district in the fourth and an
24 opportunity district in the third currently held by
25 Congressman Bobby Scott. Thus, minority voters are

1 provided an opportunity to influence the outcome of
2 an election by having a greater voice in electing
3 the candidates of their choice.

4 Thank you.

5 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you, senator.

6 Are there questions for Senator Locke?

7 SENATOR BLEVINS: Madam Chair?

8 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Blevins.

9 SENATOR BLEVINS: Senator Locke, the
10 drawing -- I'm looking at the fourth district now,
11 and maybe it's a question for all of you, is the
12 current congressman out in the area that is drawn,
13 he is in now?

14 SENATOR LOCKE: Yes, he currently lives
15 there.

16 MADAM CHAIR: Are there further questions?

17 SENATOR SMITH: Madam Chair?

18 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Smith.

19 SENATOR SMITH: Question, Senator Locke. I
20 was thinking it was only fair to ask of you do you
21 believe this is in the best interest of the
22 Commonwealth?

23 SENATOR LOCKE: Yes, it is.

24 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Smith.

25 SENATOR SMITH: It is the better plan that

1 you have seen and reviewed the others?

2 SENATOR LOCKE: Yes, this is the best.

3 SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

4 MADAM CHAIR: Are there further questions?

5 Would anyone in the audience like to comment on
6 Senate Bill 5004? I see no one. And there being
7 no --

8 SENATOR PETERSEN: Madam Chair?

9 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, Senator Petersen.

10 SENATOR PETERSEN: I'd like to make a
11 couple of comments if I can. I want to thank
12 Senator Locke for bringing this forward. I know a
13 lot of work went in this plan. I'm more familiar
14 with Fairfax County than I am with the rest of the
15 state. And I respect the fact that African
16 Americans have a new history amongst minorities. I
17 have a number of minorities in my household who are
18 not African Americans, yet they still like to be
19 head of household.

20 But the point I'm making is looking at this
21 map it's tough to get it right. I do notice that
22 you are holding the 66th quarter together in Fairfax
23 County which is important. I think, I look at this
24 map as, frankly, giving better balance. The current
25 congressional map in Northern Virginia, frankly, put

1 all the Democrats in the eighth congressional
2 district. And I want to congratulate you. I know
3 that sometimes in Northern Virginia the shapes may
4 look odd from the top down, but if you note highways
5 and byways, it actually makes more sense on the
6 ground.

7 So, again, speaking of someone that lives
8 in a minority/majority household I fully am
9 supporting this map for other reasons than what you
10 articulated.

11 SENATOR LOCKE: I'm just glad Senator
12 Petersen realizes the majority.

13 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Barker.

14 SENATOR BARKER: Madam Chair, I just have
15 some comments as well. I too appreciate the plan
16 offered by Senator Locke. I think it's a very good
17 plan. I think it puts us in the right direction.
18 African Americans are between 19 and 20 percent of
19 Virginia population. Multiply that by eleven
20 congressional seats, and it adds up to more than two
21 seats.

22 What we have had is a situation for many
23 years where we have had one African American. We
24 did have Senator Lucas who came close in another
25 district a few years ago, but we have not had a

1 second African American congressman. Even though,
2 if you look at the African American population
3 clearly, it equates to more than two congressional
4 seats.

5 I think it's important also from the
6 perspective of what Senator Locke was discussing of
7 providing opportunities for African Americans and
8 other minorities to be in positions to significantly
9 influence the outcomes of elections, not necessarily
10 or necessarily are we going to have an African
11 American in every situation, but be able to have
12 influence in terms of who gets elected and having
13 elected and helping elect people who are going to be
14 representative of their interest.

15 I think we sometimes have fallen short in
16 that respect, and I think if you look around just
17 within the senate right now what we have is we have
18 five African American senators all on
19 majority/minority districts. We do not have a
20 single other African American who has been elected.

21 Actually, now Congressman Scott was
22 initially elected in a district that was not
23 majority African American, but that's been the
24 exception in Virginia, and I think it's time we move
25 in that direction. As Senator Locke has noted there

1 has been a substantial demonstration in Virginia.
2 She cited three examples in the Hampton Roads area
3 where African Americans have been elected in city
4 elections where they are less than 50 percent of the
5 voting age population within those cities.

6 When we had considered our senate plan a
7 couple of weeks ago, I had talked about a lot of
8 situations we have had in Northern Virginia where we
9 have had African Americans elected in jurisdictions
10 oftentimes on a city-wide basis, but sometimes on a
11 district basis where they are in many cases less
12 than ten percent and a lot of cases less than
13 20 percent.

14 What we need to do is make sure we are
15 including everybody in the process, giving
16 opportunity for minorities to have significant
17 influence in election and for candidates from those
18 groups to have good chances of being successful.
19 That's when we get representations from all
20 Virginians, and I think this is a good step in the
21 right direction, and I thank Senator Locke for this
22 plan.

23 MADAM CHAIR: Were there further comments?
24 Questions?

25 Okay. Senator Obenshain.

1 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Senator, do you know
2 whether Congressman Goodman is within the sixth
3 district?

4 SENATOR LOCKE: All of the congressman are
5 representatives within their districts.

6 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: So --

7 MADAM CHAIR: Senator Obenshain.

8 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: So, what, Congressman
9 Griffith is in the ninth and Goodman is in the
10 sixth?

11 SENATOR LOCKE: That's correct.

12 SENATOR OBENSHAIN: Thank you.

13 MADAM CHAIR: Is there anyone further? All
14 right. I don't see anymore hands. So as soon as we
15 get -- the House bill comes over we will recess from
16 the floor. Then we will probably be in the old
17 senate chamber. Hopefully, the court reporter will
18 be there. And there being no further questions or
19 comments, the committee will rise.

20 (Whereupon, the proceedings at or about
21 10:45 a.m. were concluded.)

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