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SPEAKER MOORE: The House will come to order. Members will take their seats. Visitors will retire from the chamber, and the Sergeant of Arm will close the doors. Members and guests are asked to silence all electronic devices.

This morning's prayer will be offered by Representative White. We'd ask everyone to stand for the prayer and remain standing for the pledge of allegiance. Representative White.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITE: Father, in the midst of these troubled times, we pray for comfort and especially for our fellow House members who have lost fellow -- family members just recently. We pray for -- For mercy when we falter from your guidance and direction. We pray as Hubakkuk did that that petulance will lead our land. Your light will shine on our path and you will be greater us than we -- than he who is in the world. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

( Pledge of Allegiance.)

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Duplin, Representative Dixon, is recognized for a motion.

REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: Mr. Speaker, the journal for February the 15th has been examined and found to be correct. I move that it be approved as written.

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Dixon moves the journal for February 15th be approved as written. Those in favor will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it, and the journal is approved as written.

Members, the plan for today, of course, is to take up as many of the redistricting maps as we can. We -- we will certainly be dealing with the House map, and if we can vote on the Senate and the Congressional plans we will. That just depends upon the schedule. Those could role into the tomorrow. The -- I believe the committee meeting notice has gone out for 11:00 a.m. That is -- that Chair understands that that is still on, and depending upon how long that process takes will determine when we come back for session today. My thought is 2:00 p.m. I've consulted with all the folks involved with the process, and that seems to be a consensus time, but I will go ahead and warn members there is a chance that it could be later

than that, just the way these things go.

So but 2:00 p.m. is going to be the time that we come back today to hopefully take up business on the -- on the redistricting matter. And there maybe one other matter that goes through as well that will be noticed later on today. So that is -- that is the plan as per the announcement made earlier this week and last week.

The Chair does anticipate votes -- there will be votes today. There will be votes tomorrow. There very likely will be votes on Friday. So that is -- that is the order of business for today.

Any notices or announcements? All right. Seeing none, the Chair is going to declare the House stands in recess till 2:00 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1. So as the modifications to calendar, so ordered.

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SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Destin Hall is recognized to send forth the redistricting committee report. House Bill 980, Realign North Carolina House Districts 2022,

favorable Committee substitute on unfavorable original bill. The original bill will be placed on the unfavorable calendar, whereas, the committee substitute for House Bill 980 will be placed on today's calendar.

(Recess until 2:10 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: I bet the teachers wish you guys had something like that, right? The House will come to order.

Members, we've -- the plan today is that the House is going to -- is about to go into recess until 4:00. The reason for that is the redistricting committee has met, has gone through the maps, and central staff has informed my office that they need a couple hours to go through and to do the final proofreading and make sure everything is correct before it comes to the floor.

And that's, as you might imagine, with doing a reapportionment of 120 districts around -- of the State House, that's not a -- not a small task. So I've advised central staff and the majority leader and the minority leader that we are about to go into recess until 4:00.

But before we do that, I did want to

recognize a few special guests that we have with us. And we have a school group with us today. You might have heard them shriek a second ago when I hit the gag- -- the gavel here. But we have a group of students who are here as guests of Representative Sasser from Stanly County. And these are students that attend Locust Elementary School. Would y'all stand so that we can welcome you with us. Over here.

On behalf of my colleagues and I, we're glad you're here with us today. What you're -- what you're watching right now, this is the House floor. There are 120 members. Your representative is Representative Sasser. I saw him right over here, standing -- he just waved to you in the red tie. But there's 120 members of the House from all corners of the state, from the mountains to the sea.

And we are -- we're here today. We're going to be taking up something called redistricting, which is where we look at the districts for where each member is from in the state. So there's 120 of those to represent everybody in this -- in this state. So that's what we're doing. It's a big job. It's been

taking several weeks. And you guys, I think, have to leave soon so you won't get to see much. But when we start, you'll see all these chairs will be full and members will be here, and we'll probably be here for several hours today. But we're glad to have you guys with us today, and we hope you have a great visit to our state capitol.

We also have on motion of Representative Winslow of Franklin County some special guests. We have Glenn and Melissa Cogliati, who are the owners of the Hudson Manor Estate in Louisburg. Would y'all please stand, so we can welcome you as well. Right up here in the back. Thank you all for being with us today.

So at this point, what it appears we are going to do for members to plan is that we will come back at 4:00 today. We will take up the House redistricting plan. And depending on how that goes, we may also take a dinner break between the second and third reading or if the second reading turns into something quite lengthy, we may do it during that. But we -- that will be our business to dispose of this

evening.

It is the intention of the chair that we will take up tomorrow the Senate Districts and the Congressional Districts. Those bills are going to be sourced from the Senate and will be coming from the Senate to us, and those will be the matters that we -- we take up from the Senate side. And, of course, the House Bill -- the House Districts will be sent to the Senate, and they would take those up tomorrow. We do have the -- the maps are not due back to the Court until Friday, so we have an extra day built in, in case we need it.

But just -- just want to remind members and any members of the public listening just that this is a lengthy process that is the result of many, many, many hours of work by a lot of folks, and it is a -- it just takes a lot of time for our central staff to get all of this together. So I would ask for your patience and your indulgence as we -- as we do that.

So with that, that's all the business the Chair is aware of. Notices and announcements. For what purpose does the gentleman from Burke, Representative Blackwell,



rise?

REPRESENTATIVE BLACKWELL: An announcement, Mr. Speaker.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: The Gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE BLACKWELL: You may have gotten it already, but the House Education Policy Committee will meet in the morning at 9:00. That's not our usual time, but we'll meet in morning at 9:00 in 643. I believe we'll have just one bill.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: For an announcement.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: The gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Speaker. Republicans we will not caucus during the recess. If anything happens in between the recess that we need to make you aware of, we'll send that by e-mail or text. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Iredell, Representative

McNeely, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE MCNEELY: Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE MCNEELY: Thank you. I just want you to keep my family, especially my wife, in your prayers. My father-in-law passed away about 1:30 last night -- or this morning and so -- he's been in hospice. This is something that's not a shock, but yet still not quite ready. And so please just keep us in your prayers. He was a good man. I know where he's at. I'm not worried about him.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Yes, sir.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Gaston, Representative Loftis, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE LOFTIS: For a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE LOFTIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to recognize Harold Varner III from Gaston County, who still owes his dad, and

who recently won the Dubai Golf Tournament with a prize money of \$990,000. Great young man from Gastonia, who takes care of his mom and dad. So just wanted to make sure we recognize him for doing good work for Gaston County.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: I'll tell you, he represented the State of North Carolina very well in that and very proud of him. So thank you for reminding us of that.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Catawba, Representative Adams, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: Point of personal privilege.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: A week from today is my son's 26th birthday, and I just want to wish him that today because he just finished his college training in the United States Air Force, and he's going to be going to Washington State for training, physical training, and he'll be out of touch with any communications. He says he's going to learn how to be a POW. But I wanted to wish him a happy birthday because next week, I won't be able to. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sure he's sitting at home watching this, waiting for you to do that, right?

CHAIRMAN MOORE: I certainly wish him a happy birthday.

Anything further notices or announcements?

Seeing none, the Chair is going to declare that the House stand in recess subject to the standard stipulations under Rule 15.1 until 4:00 p.m. this afternoon.

(Recess taken.)

SPEAKER MOORE: The House will come to order. Members, the Chair to have your attention, please. The Republican members, you're being called to an immediate caucus in Room 1228. The House is going to stand at ease until four -- would you like to announce -- Representative Bell is recognized for an announcement.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: What time? Right now?

SPEAKER MOORE: Right now.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Republicans, we will caucus in

1228 at 4:10, so caucus at 4:10.

SPEAKER MOORE: For those that are wondering, it's 4:11, so you're already late. Your watch is fast.

Chair -- yes, we do have time travel at the legislature.

So here's what we're going to do, Members. Here's what we're going to do. The Republican members should to ahead and proceed to caucus. We will -- we'll stand at ease and hopefully we'll be able to get -- come back relatively soon.

The Chair is aware there still may still be some draft that may take us a little bit to get -- to get movement, but we'll report back shortly.

SPEAKER MOORE: The House will come back to order. Members are asked to take their seats.

Members, we are honored to have a number of guests with us in our first slot. I believe most of our Democrat members are still in caucus right now, and so that's why there's a few empty chairs, but some discussions going on about some minor legislation the body is

considering today.

But we're very honored to have with us -- and I'm going to introduce each one of them -- a number of our community college presidents from around the state. And these are men and women who are a key part in educating so many citizens of this state and also a key part in economic development and worker training. And what so I -- and so what I -- and the Chair has also extended them the courtesies of the floor. So we're glad to have you. So when I introduce you, I'll call by name and county. Stand up. And at the end, we'll give an applause for everybody altogether.

First off from my home county, Cleveland County, we have Jason Hurst, who is here with us this evening. We have Jay Carraway, James Sprunt Community College. John -- John Ena- -- Enamait -- somebody's handwriting is not great here -- I apologize if I'm mispronouncing it -- from Stanly Community College. Jack Bagwell from Albemarle Community College. Murray Williams from Roanoke-Chowan Community College.

Representative Stevens, it's Chowan not

Choan (phonetic).

Lew Hunnicutt from Nash Community College. Audrey Yager from North Carolina State, which I don't think is a community college, but you're along for the ride this evening. J.B. Buxton from Durham Technical Community College. Chris English from Southeastern Community College. Brian Merritt from the McDowell Technical Community College. And then Gene Smith from Brunswick Community College.

Did I forget anybody? If I forgot you, stand up and say your name, introduce yourself.

MS. WHITE: Shelley White, Haywood Community College.

SPEAKER MOORE: Yes, ma'am.

MS. PFEIFFER: Patty Pfeiffer, Wayne Community College.

MR. HUNT: Rusty Hunt, Lenoir Community College.

MS. ANNUNZIATA: Margaret Annunziata, Isothermal Community College.

MR. WELCH: Joel Welch, Western Piedmont Community College.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Did we get everybody

there? A little unconventional, but it will all go. I just so -- just so you'll know, that's the list I read, and it -- and it was a challenge. I'm just going to say, whoever wrote this list, I'm glad they're not drawing our maps, all right?

Welcome to the House of Representatives.

And I see Kevin Corbin on the end who is trying to be a student in community college still, so...

Members, let me give you -- let me give you an update of where we are. There will be a formal release, an announcement, coming out in just a bit, so I won't say anything more on that. But I will tell you that it is the intention of the Chair -- or excuse me, an understanding of the Chair that there will be -- there are some amendments being prepared that will be agreed to, and that it's going to take staff until about 6:30 to have those amendments ready. So what the Chair is going to do at this point -- we're about ready to go into a recess for a dinner break. And then that way that will give time for the amendments to be prepared,



folks to review those, and then come back at 7:30.

And based upon the trajectory that I understand we are right now, it is the chair's hope and belief that this evening session could be a relatively short session to dispose of those amendments and then ultimately a map this evening. So that's where we are, but I don't want to announce anything prematurely because -- well, just because we don't do that.

For what purpose gentleman from Cabarrus, Representative Pittman, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE PITTMAN: On a personal privilege.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE PITTMAN: You know, time goes by fast. And he was -- just the little things seem like two weeks ago, but today my son Sam will turn 38. And I love you guys, but I wish I was with him, you know. But Samuel is a very fine son and a husband and just a great father and a great soldier. And we're so proud of him I can't stand it, but happy birthday to my son Samuel.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Certainly wish him a happy birthday, Representative Pittman.

To give you an idea of tomorrow's schedule, I know we're going to come back at 7:30, but -- and I would ask as many members to be present as can this evening as well as tomorrow. It does appear that tomorrow's schedule will proceed as follows: That we will -- that the Senate intends to vote out a Senate map and a Congressional map tomorrow. They are not going to be voting anything, as I understand, on the floor today. They are doing the Committee work in the morning. They are still working and they will be voting on maps sometime.

And it does appear so that for us to take action tomorrow, it's looking like in the afternoon. But those maps will need to come here. We'll need to go through the House Redistricting Committee. Once that happens, those will get recorded to the House Floor for us to take up. So it does appear based upon that schedule, that more than likely tomorrow's session would be an afternoon session.

We'll do a morning session that will be

an admin session, but right now the chair is looking at a 2:00 p.m. session tomorrow. Hopefully that will hold and we won't have to push that back, but that's what it looks like.

Again, we'll be back this evening and I can give you more details. But just while you're planning out things, be thinking along those lines. And again when we come back at 7:30 this evening, it's the Chair's hope that we'll be able to reso -- excuse me, resolve everything in an expeditious manner this evening.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Duplin, Representative Dixon, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: On a privilege.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues and our guests. I'd just like to recognize the fact that Duplin County is the home of Mr. Dallas Herring, who is considered one of the founding fathers of the community college system. And Mr. Herring once said, referring to the community colleges, "These doors, these sacred doors, must never be

closed." And I'd like to express what I think is the opinion of all of us in the General Assembly, that we support that and we hope and pray to continue to be able to do the right thing as far as our community colleges is considered, so that you can do for our citizens what they need done.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Any further notices or announcements at this time?

Seeing none, the Chair is going to declare that the House stands in recess subject to the standard stipulations until 7:30 p.m. this evening.

(Recess taken.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Colleagues, colleagues, if I could have your attention for just a minute. Speaker would like to announce that we are not going to reconvene until 7:55 in order to give folks time to get back from their dinner break and for everybody to be present. Thank you.

(Recess.)

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SPEAKER MOORE: Members, our first business is the seating of a new member.

Representative Rudow's appointment proclamation was officially read on February 3rd, and he subscribed to the oath of office on February 1st. He will occupy seat 67. The Senate will be notified of the seating by special message.

The following members are appointed to an escort committee. Representative John Bell, chair, and Representative Robert Reives. Those named members may now repair to the end of the chamber to escort Representative Rudow to his seat.

Representative Rudow, welcome again. We had the -- you and I had the pleasure to meet a couple times, and you've been here for some of the skeleton votes. Obviously, this is a little different than the other times you've been here. But glad to have you here and want to officially welcome you once again and serve the State, of course, represent the good folks of Buncombe County. Representative Rudow is appointed to the following standing committee assignments. The clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Speaker Moore appoints Representative Rudow to the following House

Standing Committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, appropriations, appropriations education, local government land use, planning and development.

SPEAKER MOORE: The Senate will be notified of the seating as well as the committee assignments.

Petitions, memorials, or papers addressed to the House the clerk will read.

THE CLERK: February 16, 2022. Dear Mr. Speaker, please accept my resignation from the North Carolina House of Representatives for the 56th House District for Orange County, effective March 31, 2022. It has been a great honor to have served the people of Orange County for these 25-plus years. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have made a positive difference for people with mental health illness, developmental disabilities, addiction disease, as well as to have helped initiate and improve our Early Childhood Education Program. It was also gratifying to have influenced improvements in our laws on the environment and election law.

I have many happy memories of members of the North Carolina House that I've met and

served with over the years, many of whom are lifelong friends. I grew to have a respect and gratitude for the General Assembly staff and the superb assistance I could count on.

I will be forever grateful to my constituents that helped me to serve Orange County in the North Carolina House. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to help make the state government a positive factor in the lives of people of this great state.

Sincerely, Representative Verla Insko.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Noted.

SPEAKER MOORE: House Bill 980. The clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Representatives Destin Hall, Stevens, Saine, House Bill 980, A Bill to Be Entitled an Act to Realign North Carolina House of Representatives Districts Pursuant To Order of the North Carolina Supreme Court in Harper versus Hall. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, is recognized to debate the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL: Thank you,

Mr. Speaker. Members, the Supreme Court held that our districting map must, quote, give the voters of all political parties substantial equal opportunity to translate votes into seats across the plan. Though we disagree with the Court's opinion, this map is exactly -- this map complies with the Court's criteria.

I will say that we're pleased to have worked with Leader Reives over the course of the last several days in good faith negotiations, and we came from probably being very far apart on maps to ultimately reaching a deal. And the result of that is the map that hopefully this body is going to approve tonight. So with that, I would ask for your support.

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Reives is recognized to send forward Amendment ATU-48 [v.1].

Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Representative Reives moves to amend the bill.

SPEAKER MOORE: Chairman from Chatham is recognized to debate the amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



And ladies and gentlemen, this and the next couple of amendments that I'll be running are amendments that were talked about with leadership. We've come to an agreement on, both sides support, and so we'd ask for your green vote.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, is recognized to debate the amendment.

CHAIRMAN HALL: I'll add and per our agreement with the minority leader, please support the amendment.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion? Further debate?

If not, the question before the House is the adoption of Amendment A.1 set forward by Representative Reives. Those in favor will vote aye; those opposed will vote no. The clerk will open the vote.

The Chair is going to hold the vote open. We may have some members who have requested proxy votes, but our present -- so we'll make it -- at the end, the Chair is going to hold it open for members to come in. I believe there's some members here off the floor.

They're coming in to vote too.

Representative Hall, would you like to vote?

Members, we're just working on the proxy votes, those who are going to proxy vote versus coming in person.

The Chair apologizes for the length of this first vote. We just need to determine the proxy -- members that are voting by proxy.

The Chair will reflect that as of this vote, 103 members have voted in person on the floor at this point as well, but we'll be taking the proxy votes as well.

The gentleman from Wayne, House Majority Leader Representative Bell, is recognized to announce the proxy votes for the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially designated me to announce the vote on their behalf:

Representative Jake Johnson, aye.

Representative Lambeth, aye.

Representative McNeeley, aye.

Representative Rogers, aye.

Representative Shepard, aye.

Representative Zachary, aye.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: Chairman from Chatham, Representative Reives, the House minority leader is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Democratic members.

MR. REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have authorized me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.

Representative Alexander, aye.

Representative Brockman, aye.

Representative Hunter, aye.

Representative Insko, aye.

Representative Lucas, aye.

Representative Martin, aye.

Representative Terry, aye.

Representative Turner, aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote.

118 having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative. The amendment is adopted.

Representative Reives is recognized to

send forth Amendment ABW-30. Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Representative Reives moves to amend the bill.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman is recognized to make the amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And we ask again for your green vote.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, is recognized to debate the amendment.

CHAIRMAN HALL: Please support the amendment.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion, further debate?

If not, the question for the House is the adoption of Amendment ABW-30, which is Amendment A2 sent forth by Representative Reives. Those in favor will vote aye; those opposed will vote no. The clerk will open the vote.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, House Majority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes for the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you,  
Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially  
designated me to announce a vote on their  
behalf:

Representative Jake Johnson, aye.

Representative Lambeth, aye.

Representative McNeeley, aye.

Representative Rogers, aye.

Representative Shepard, aye.

Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: And how about  
Representative Zachary, did you -- does the  
gentleman wish to vote for him?

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: I'm sorry, I  
forgot. I apologize.

Representative Zachary, aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham,  
Representative Reives, the House Minority  
Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy  
votes of the Democrat members.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you,  
Mr. Speaker.

The following representatives  
authorized me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.

Representative Alexander, aye.

Representative Brockman, aye.

Representative Hunter, aye.

Representative Insko, aye.

Representative Lucas, aye.

Representative Martin, aye.

Representative Terry, aye.

Representative Turner, aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Carney wish to vote? Representative Baker wish to vote?

The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote. 117 have voted in the affirmative; one in the negative. The amendment is adopted.

Representative Carney, does the lady intend to vote? Would the lady let me record as having voted aye on the amendment?

REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: So the clerk recorded as having voted aye.

Representative Reives is recognized to send forth Amendment ABA-53. The clerk will

read.

THE CLERK: Representative Reives moves to amend the bill.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman is recognized to make the amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And we would ask again for a big green vote.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, recognized to debate the amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Members, please support the amendment.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion and further debate? If not, the question for the House is the adoption of Amendment A3. Those in favor will vote aye; those opposed will vote no. The clerk will open the vote.

The gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, the House Majority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially

designated me to announce a vote on their behalf:

Representative Johnson, aye.

Representative Lambeth, aye.

Representative McNeeley, aye.

Representative Rogers, aye.

Representative Shepard, aye.

Representative Zachary, aye.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham, Representative Reives, is -- the House Minority Leader is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Democratic members.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The following members have authorized me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.

Representative Alexander, aye.

Representative Brockman, aye.

Representative Hunter, aye.

Representative Insko, aye.

Representative Lucas, aye.

Representative Martin, aye.

Representative Terry, aye.

Representative Turner, aye.



SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Autry, gentleman like to vote on the amendment?

The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote.

118 having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the amendment is adopted.

Representative Reives is recognized to send forth Amendment ABA-52.

The clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Representative Reives moves to amend the bill.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham is recognized to debate the amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And we just ask for one more green vote.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, is recognized to debate the amendment.

CHAIRMAN HALL: I'm going to ask for a few more green votes, but please vote yes on this amendment.

SPEAKER MOORE: Please score the amendment. Further discussion, further debate?

Now the question for the House is the

adaption of Amendment A4 sent forward by Representative Reives. Those in favor will vote aye; those opposed will vote no.

The clerk will open the vote.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, House Majority Leader, recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially designated me to announce a vote on their behalf:

Representative Johnson, aye.

Representative Lambeth, aye.

Representative McNeeley, aye.

Representative Rogers, aye.

Representative Shepard, aye.

Representative Zachary, aye.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham, Representative Reives, the House Minority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Democratic members.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you,

Mr. Speaker.

The following members have authorized me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.

Representative Alexander, aye.

Representative Brockman, aye.

Representative Hunter, aye.

Representative Insko, aye.

Representative Lucas, aye.

Representative Martin, aye.

Representative Terry, aye.

Representative Turner, aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote.

119 having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the amendment is adopted.

Representative Meyer is recognized to send forth the Amendment ABW-31.

The clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Representative Meyer moves to amend the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE MEYER: Thank you,  
Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and gentlemen --

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman will be

recognized to debate the amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE MEYER: In the current map there is a precinct flip between House District 50 and House District 56. This would return them to our existing House districts so that the voters are in the same district they've been in. It also makes sure that the Town of Carrboro remains whole rather than being split. Neither Representative Insko nor I are running for either of these districts, but we think our voters would appreciate going back to the existing maps. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Hall is recognized to debate the amendment.

CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Members, this particular amendment was not part of the big compromise bill, but I spoke to Representative Meyer, and he's explained his reasoning. And so I'm going to ask you to support the amendment and vote yes.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion, further debate? If not, the question before the House is the adoption of Amendment A5. Those in favor -- excuse me. Those in favor will vote aye; those opposed will vote no. The clerk will

open the vote.

The gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially designated me to announce a vote on their behalf:

Representative Johnson, aye.

Representative Lambeth, aye.

Representative McNeeley, aye.

Representative Rogers, aye.

Representative Shepard, aye.

Representative Zachary, aye.

Thank you, sir.

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Blackwell wish to vote?

Gentleman from Chatham, Representative Reives, the House Minority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Democratic members.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have authorized

me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.

Representative Alexander, aye.

Representative Brockman, aye.

Representative Hunter, aye.

Representative Insko, aye.

Representative Lucas, aye.

Representative Martin, aye.

Representative Terry, aye.

Representative Turner, aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote.

118 having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, the amendment is adopted.

Representative Hawkins is recognized to send forth Amendment AVA-54. The clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Representative Hawkins moves to amend the bill.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Durham is recognized to debate the amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to thank everybody for all their hard work on this incredible bill and all the conversations. And so I move to amend

this bill to slightly change the -- sort of the size of town to specifically sort of match the way that communities of interest are set up in Durham County as well as sort of the natural movement in educational institutions that people are used to being able to attend and the kids attend, of course. And then also have the ability to talk to their representative about that.

So it also does not split any VTDs, has incredible score, and most importantly so it keeps common interests and accommodates the growth of Durham County into the future. So I ask for your green vote. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, is recognized to debate the amendment.

CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, members, this was not an amendment that was part of our -- our bigger deal, but I've looked at the amendment and heard from Representative Hawkins and his explanation. And I'll ask you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion? Further debate? If not, the question before the

House is the adoption of Amendment A6 sent forward by Representative Hawkins. Those in favor will vote aye; those opposed will vote no. The clerk will open the vote.

The gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, the House Majority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially designated me to announce a vote on their behalf:

Representative Johnson, aye.  
Representative Lambeth, aye.  
Representative McNeeley, aye.  
Represent Rogers, aye.  
Representative Shepard, aye.  
Representative Zachary, aye.  
Thank you, sir.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Chatham, Representative Reives, the House Minority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Democratic members.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you,



Mr. Speaker.

The following members have authorized me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.

Representative Alexander, aye.

Representative Brockman, aye.

Representative Hunter, aye.

Representative Insko, aye.

Representative Lucas, aye.

Representative Martin, aye.

Representative Terry, aye.

Representative Turner, aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote.

116 having voted in the affirmative and 3 in the negative. The amendment is adopted.

Stand at ease just a moment.

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SPEAKER MOORE: Members, I just advise the body, we're trying to resolve a few administrative matters for tomorrow. We -- and I'm aware there is still one amendment, and then the second and third reading on the bill. But just to give the members some clarity, we're looking at other bills that we may be able to

dispose of tomorrow that have been requested by another member but under the adjournment resolution that we're under right now, those that would be eligible. So that's what part of the determination is.

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SPEAKER MOORE: The House will come back to order. Chair appreciates the members' indulgence. We were trying to work a few things up before folks started headed for -- heading for the door when we finished that final vote. There will be one additional bill added to this evening's calendar that will not be controversial.

Representative Harrison is now recognized to send forward Amendment ABW-29.

The clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Representative Harrison moves to amend a bill.

SPEAKER MOORE: Lady from Guilford, Representative Harrison, recognized to debate the amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I --

this amendment amends the Wayne County cluster to address a potential voting rights issue that has been raised in at least three different letters from the Southern Coalition for Social Justice both on the enacted maps and more recently to our Committee yesterday.

And for those of who you are not familiar with the Supreme Court opinion, page 8 -- the order, sorry, not the opinion. The General Assembly must first assess whether using current election and population data racially polarized voting is legally sufficient in any area of the state, such that the Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act requires a drawing of a district to avoid diluting the voting rights of African American voters.

It's our feeling and the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, as I said, continues to raise this issue that we face a voting rights issue in this particular cluster. And we think it meets and they have pointed out that it meets the Gingles criteria. And I remember Chairman Lewis talking about Gingles. I had no idea what he was talking about, and I finally looked it up.

And it's a Supreme Court case based on a North Carolina situation. It sets forth three criteria you must meet in order to -- in order to satisfy a voting rights claim. And first criteria is that population could be majority -- minority-majority enough that black voting population in this area satis- -- sorry, got that one wrong.

That there's enough in this area that prevents voter dilution, racially polarized voting on this enacted map. I would go -- basically what you have to have is a cohesive of African America voters that will elect their candidates of their choice. The second criteria is black voters vote cohesively. The third is that white voters will overcome the candidate of the black voters' choice.

So the three criteria have been met, and they -- and they set it out in their letter that they sent the members of the Committee yesterday, as I said. And so it's their opinion that based on the facts of this case, remedial districts should be developed to achieve the black voting age population required to ensure that black voters have an equal opportunity to

elect representatives of their choice within their particular area.

And what we're trying to do in this amendment is to avoid more costly litigation. We know how much we've spent on redistricting over the past ten years, and it's over \$11 million now of taxpayer money enacting unconstitutional maps. And we have an issue here that we could address by changing this particular cluster to have a district that's going to elect a candidate who is the choice of the black voting age population in that district.

So I can go into more detail about why this is important, but I don't want to waste anybody's time, but I think this is a really critical issue that we should get out in front of before we get sued. Thank you. I urge your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, rise?

CHAIRMAN HALL: To debate the amendment.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the

floor.

CHAIRMAN HALL: Members, again, this is another one of those amendments that was not part of the deal between the two parties. And I -- I believe that the adoption of this amendment would actually make our entire map illegal. So I'm going to respectfully ask members to oppose this amendment and vote against it.

In our lawsuit, the Legislature submitted to the trial Court the racially polarized voting analysis performed by Dr. Jeffrey Lewis of UCLA. Dr. Lewis' analysis expanded on that of the plaintiffs' own expert, Dr. Moon Duchin. The analysis determined that majority-minority districts are not required to elect candidates of minority voters' choice.

In finding -- in fact, in finding of fact number 595, the trial Court found that, quote, in no district enacted or in 2020 does it appear the majority of BVAP is needed for that district to regularly generate majority support, minority preferred candidates, and to reconstitute elections, end quote.

This finding of fact was subsequently

adopted by our State Supreme Court and, therefore, no VRA districts are required to be drawn in North Carolina. And I would ask you to oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion or further debate? If not, the question before the House is the adoption of Amendment A7, sent forward by Representative Harrison. Those in favor of the amendment will vote aye; those opposed will vote no. The clerk will open the vote.

The gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, the House Majority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially designated me to announce a vote on their behalf:

Representative Johnson, no.

Representative Lambeth, no.

Representative McNeely, no.

Representative Rogers, no.

Representative Shepard, no.

Representative Zachary, no.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham, Representative Reives, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Democratic members.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have authorized me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.

Representative Alexander, aye.

Representative Brockman, aye,.

Representative Hunter, aye.

Representative Insko, aye.

Representative Lucas, aye.

Representative Martin, aye.

Representative Terry, aye.

Representative Turner, aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote.

50 having voted in the affirmative and 70 in the negative, the amendment is not adopted.

Members, that has resolved the amendments to the bill. Further discussion?



Further debate on the bill?

For what purpose does the lady from Guilford, Representative Harrison, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: To debate the bill.

SPEAKER MOORE: Lady has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I wish that I was standing up here and telling you how much I love the maps, especially if you passed that last amendment. But I do want to, first off, thank all the folks who were involved in this, because I know it was a very truncated schedule. And central staff, speaker staff, our staff, the legislators who are involved in this, I know they put in a lot of hours and I really appreciate that.

And I just -- I don't mean any disrespect by criticizing both the process and the maps. On the process, we just saw these maps for the very first time with the electronic data a couple hours before our committee meeting, and folks had not really had a chance to process the information and to understand the

outcome. And certainly we're hearing from the public with their concerns about what might be in the map that they couldn't understand because they had just gotten the -- the process.

I had asked the -- I just got the maps. I asked if we could have an explanation of the Supreme Court order and the Supreme Court opinion so that we would understand whether we were actually complying with what the Court ordered, and we did not get that. So I'm not even sure that this map actually does comply with the Supreme Court order. And maybe it does, but we weren't briefed on that. The Supreme Court order -- opinion just came out on Monday.

I think there is a better way to do this. We all know that a better way to do this would be to have an independent process where we're not drawing our own maps to shave our own districts. And I realize that's not is what's before us, but I know that that's what the public wants, and I hope eventually we're going to get there before we have the next redraw.

I -- there were some specific problems in the -- in the proposed maps that I brought up

in Committee, and I'm sorry to repeat for those of you who are on the Committee, but they seem to be some problems with the gerrymandering in the Forsyth and Guilford County districts, proposed districts. In fact, the Guilford County map is more extreme than all of the 80,000 simulations in the Mattingly report that the Supreme Court relied on in issuing its opinion.

And, similarly, there are other problems in other districts, if you want to go into it in detail. But I think if we had -- the Voting Rights Act is a real problem that needs to be addressed and we're going face a lawsuit and more taxpayer dollars defending this matter that I think is indefensible on that particular point.

I do want to reiterate my appreciation to all of you who worked so hard. And -- and I really appreciate the fact that the majority and the minority parties come together in large part to agree to a map that most people can live with. I just can't and I apologize, but I will be voting no. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from

Caldwell, Representative Hall, is recognized to debate the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, Members, I just want to address a couple of things respectfully that I heard from Representative Harrison, who I've always enjoyed working with on redistricting and I know her comments and criticisms are always sincere. But I'll address a couple of those by saying, you know, part of the problem we have in this case is we're under such a time crunch. You know, we essentially had two weeks to come in and redraw all three maps: Congressional, State House, and State Senate. That takes a long time.

If you're on the redistricting committee and spent much time around it, you know what a task that is and how -- how short of a time span two weeks is to go in and redraw these maps. And that's why this body attempted to further delay the primary. Again, we didn't want to have to delay the primary, but we knew what a challenge and what a monumental task it was going to be to get these maps -- these maps done in two weeks' time.

Not only have we got them done, but we're about to get them done, I think, with bipartisan support, and that's because the speaker, myself, and Leader Reives got together, and we talked when we first got the Court's order and we continued to talk, to hammer out a compromise that, frankly, both sides are not completely happy with, but that's what a compromise is. And so I hope you'll join me tonight in recognizing the work of the Democratic leader and the speaker and others in each chamber and vote in a bipartisan manner for these maps.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham, Representative Reives, recognized to debate the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I would echo what the Rules Chair has said. What I appreciated was that we did talk. And I think that when we talk and we listen to each other, that we're able to come up with something. I would say for purposes of House Republican leadership to the rest of the caucus, I will re-emphasize nobody came out of this happy. Nobody came out of this dancing for

joy and figuring, "We won, we won."

What we were happy about is that we came to an agreement that both of us could live with, and that's the important thing and that's what we should do up here. And I appreciate the fact that we stayed on this, we talked, talked, talked. I think the speaker staff have gotten so used to seeing me I was afraid they were going to put a seat out for me and just put my name on it. But that's what we're supposed to be doing. And that's what I appreciate, and I appreciate your support of this bill.

Again, we're not asking for a green vote because we think that you're jumping for joy, but because this is what was asked of us. We did it. The things that we'd love to see differently -- I've said for eight years I'd love to see an independent commission. That's not what we were tasked to do. I've said it for eight years, lots of things I'd like to see done differently in the process. That's not what we were tasked to do.

I do feel that Representative Harrison's amendment is one of those situations that we do have to address under our state

constitution; but, again, that's a sincere disagreement on the law in this situation and what was expected. And I'll take those disagreements all day. That did not become a partisan disagreement. That was not a yelling and screaming match. That was a sincere discussion between two sets of leaders about what we felt the Court required at the end of this. And we just ask that you support this bill.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion? Further debate? If not, the question for the House is the passage of House Bill 980 on the second reading. Those in favor will vote aye; those opposed will vote no. The clerk will open the vote.

Representative Bell, the House Majority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially designated me to announce a vote on their behalf:

Representative Johnson, aye.

Representative Lambeth, aye.  
Representative McNeeley, aye.  
Representative Rogers, aye,.  
Representative Shepard, aye.  
Representative Zachary, aye.  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham, Representative Reives, the House Minority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Democratic members.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have authorized me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.  
Representative Alexander, aye.  
Representative Brockman, aye.  
Representative Hunter, no.  
Representative Insko, aye.  
Representative Lucas, aye.  
Representative Martin, aye.  
Representative Terry, aye.  
Representative Turner, Aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote.



115 having voted in the affirmative and 5 in the negative. House Bill 980 passed a second reading and will be read a third time.

THE CLERK: General Assembly of North Carolina Enacts.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion? Further debate? If not, the question for the House is the passage of House Bill 980 on third reading.

All those in favor will say aye.

QUORUM: Aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: Those opposed, no.

QUORUM: No.

SPEAKER MOORE: In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. They ayes do have it. House Bill 980 having passed its third reading is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by -- by special messenger.

Members, there's a bill being added to this evening's calendar. By way of explanation, before the clerk reads the title, let me explain this to you.

The bill is Senate Bill 128, the title on the original bill is an Act to Allow Up to Two Members of the Board of Trustees of

Isothermal Community College to be Members of the Board of the County Commissioners and To Require Trustees to Maintain Their County of Residence.

The bill has become a different bill called An Act Removing the Cap On Satellite Annexations for the Town of Goldston.

So some procedural information on it before it's added to this evening's calendar. This is a bill that back in November 29th we -- we added to the calendar. And so what we did was we took the amendment, which changed the title. It was a material amendment and, as a result, it was not able to have the second or third reading. It only had its first reading at that time.

So the Chair would ask without objection that the bill be added to this evening's calendar.

Hearing none, it's so ordered.

Senate Bill 128, having been added to the calendar, the Chair calls Senate Bill 128 for a second -- for a second reading. Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Senator Hise, Senate Bill

128, a Bill to be Entitled An Act to Allow Up to Two Members of the Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College to be Members of the Board of Commissioners and to Require Trustees to Maintain Their County of Residence. General Assembly of North Carolina Enacts.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham, Representative Reives, is recognized to debate the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And we're just asking for another green vote on this one. We did vote on this back in November. This is -- this will allow for a project that we've got coming to the small town of Goldston. We've got about 200 people, and we've got a chance to get us about 40 or 50 jobs. And so we appreciate your support before. Just ask for your support again. We voted this one out last time with only one no vote. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, is recognized to debate the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you,

Mr. Speaker.

Members, this is a non-controversial bill and I ask for your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion? Further debate? My question for the House is to pass Senate Bill 128 on second reading. Those in favor will vote aye; those opposed will vote no. The clerk will open the vote.

Gentleman from Wayne, Representative Bell, House Majority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Republican members.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have officially designated me to announce a vote on their behalf:

Representative Johnson, aye.

Representative Lambeth, aye.

Representative McNeeley, aye.

Rogers -- Representative Rogers, aye.

Representative Shepard, aye.

Representative Zachary, aye.

Thank you, sir.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Chatham,

Representative Reives, the House Minority Leader, is recognized to announce the proxy votes of the Democratic members.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The following members have authorized me to enter votes on their behalf:

Representative Ager, aye.

Representative Alexander, aye.

Representative Brockman, aye.

Representative Hunter, aye.

Representative Insko, aye.

Representative Lucas, aye.

Representative Martin, aye.

Representative Terry, aye.

Representative Turner, aye.

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote.

118 having voted in the affirmative, one in the negative. Senate Bill 128 passes its second reading, remains on the calendar.

Members, for your planning purposes tomorrow, we -- I've conferred with the Senate, and it's my understanding that we should receive their -- their bills, the Congressional map and

the State Senate map tomorrow. And it appears that we will -- we're going to have our admin session at 10:30 tomorrow morning. We're going to do the -- it looks like the votes are going to be around 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. I would anticipate a redistricting committee vote possibly around 1 o'clock. I believe that's what Chairman Hall is going probably tentatively announce is a 1 o'clock Committee meeting.

Again, bear in mind, we may need to be flexible with what's set -- with what's involved. I'll properly thank central staff tomorrow for their work. But just for those of you who have been involved in this, you know this is a lengthy process. The -- you know, the media will show the map, and people will talk about the map. But there's a really thick bill that accompanies all that and actually has to get down into the VTDS of the precincts. And then when you're having to divide for Congressional maps, you get into the census blocks.

So there's a lot of detail. And so when, you know, one move of a cursor here or there can result in multiple changes of pages to

a document, and so the central staff really has to work very diligently to make sure that that is done correctly, that there's no errors. And it's very tedious and time-consuming work because it has to be checked, rechecked and then checked again to make sure it's accurate.

So that's why it takes so long to do -- when we do amendments and when things are done. So I know that members get anxious and want to -- want to kind of get on with business, but it's just part of the process to make sure it's right.

Representative Carney talked about when she worked back in the proofreading, they had typewriters. Can you imagine that right now with all this, right, and trying to do all this. So it's a long, lengthy process. So again I'll properly thank staff tomorrow, but just bear in mind that could cause us to run a little bit, you know, behind tomorrow and that's basically what we're dealing with.

The Chair does intend that we'll be taking up a couple of other bills tomorrow as well as the redistricting bill and we'll -- if we can get those noticed tonight, we will. But

we may not be able to notice them till -- for tomorrow. So we'll let folks know what those are.

And there's a couple of agency bills, and there's a bill having to do with the masks in schools. That's going to be one that we're going to deal with tomorrow. And that will be in the form of a conference report. So I think that one's been broadcast, but I wanted to go ahead and make -- let folks be on notice that that's another bill that we're going to be dealing with.

In that vein, too, the Chair is relieving the conferees that were appointed to Senate Bill 173 previously and the -- the bill is the Free to Smiles Act, conferees are dismissed. And the Chair appoints the following conferees: Speaker as Chair, members Willis, Torbett and Baker and Willingham as a conferee. The Senate will be so notified.

So tomorrow's plan is that we would come in admin session at 10:30. Committee, if everything stays on track, 1 o'clock. And then we're looking at a 2 o'clock session tomorrow to take up the -- take up the bills. The Chair has



been informed by talking to the minority leader, I think, there's not going to be any intent, at least at this point, running amendments. So that will -- that will allow that process to hopefully go through streamline. If something changes, we'll know on that.

So with that, any notices or announcements?

For what purposes does the gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, arise?

CHAIRMAN HALL: For announcement.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman has the floor House.

CHAIRMAN HALL: Members, I anticipate likely having House redistricting at some point at 1:00 p.m. or later tomorrow. A lot of that depends on what the Senate does. They don't appear to have their things together like we do over here. So just watch your inbox. But if all else -- if it all works out well, we'll do 1:00.

SPEAKER MOORE: That was Representative Baker of Cabarrus.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Burke, Representative Blackwell, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE BLACKWELL:

Announcement.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE BLACKWELL: With reference to the K-12 Education Committee, there have been several corrected notices that have gone out. I just want to confirm our new meeting time tomorrow is at 11:00 a.m. in the usual room, 643, and we have one item to discuss.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the lady from Mecklenburg, Representative Carney, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Inquiry of the Chair.

SPEAKER MOORE: Lady is recognized.

REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Just to clarify, if we're in a hotel tomorrow, we do -- we do not have to stay over Thursday night?

SPEAKER MOORE: It does not appear at this moment. But if the wheels come off the wagon, who knows. I would pack -- I would pack my stuff. If you're in a hotel, I would pack when I leave in the morning if I were you.

REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Got it. I'll send the bill to you if I don't.

SPEAKER MOORE: That will be fine. That will be fine. You're welcome to send the bill. Can't say what will happen then, but send it out. I'll -- I'll pass it on to Representative Reives and get him to pay.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Guilford, Representative Hardister, rise?

REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: For a personal privilege.

SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Member I know -- Members, I know we've done a lot of important work here today, but there's something else very important that happened today. It is Representative John Faircloth's birthday, and I'm sure there is nothing else he'd rather do than be with us here tonight to celebrate. So I hope you'll join me in wishing Representative Faircloth a happy birthday.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the lady from Forsyth, Representative Baker,

rise?

REPRESENTATIVE BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for a point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER MOORE: The lady has the floor.

REPRESENTATIVE BAKER: I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who called and sent e-mails and prayed for us during the weaver fire. As you all know that me and my families were evacuated because we were in the evacuation zone. And so we get pretty heated in here, but I think whenever we go through something, it is always reassuring when your colleagues reach out to you to let you know that they're concerned about your well-being and that -- and the well-being of your family. And additionally for the calls and concerns about my mother, who is still hospitalized at this point. So I do appreciate those prayers as well. So I thank you all for that.

And that is all I have, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: Yes, ma'am, thank you.

Any further notices or announcements?

Seeing none, the gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Hall, is recognized for a motion.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL: Mr. Speaker, I

move the House be now adjourned to reconvene Thursday, February 17th, at 10:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Rule 15.1.

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Hall moved, seconded by Representative Bell, that the House is now adjourned to reconvene Thursday, February 17th at 10:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Rule 15.1. Those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no.

The ayes have it. The House stands adjourned.

(The General Assembly 2022 House Floor Legislative Session was adjourned.)

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I, TAURA J. VULCANO, RPR, do hereby certify that the transcription of the recorded General Assembly of North Carolina 2022 Legislative Session, House Floor, Vote on House Bill 980, held on February 16, 2022, was taken down by me stenographically to the best of my ability and thereafter transcribed under my supervision; and that the foregoing pages, inclusive, constitute a true and accurate transcription of said recording.

Signed this the 18th day of February  
2022.

  
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