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3 CHAIRMAN HALL: ... today and were  
4 being printed downstairs. And, of course, we  
5 need a copy for every member to be able to look  
6 at, and that takes time to print these color  
7 copies, so that's what we've been waiting on  
8 this evening.

9 Members, we'll go ahead and jump right  
10 into it. I am going to move that the PCS for  
11 HBK-12 be before the committee. And without  
12 objection, that PCS will be before the  
13 committee.

14 I do have a proposed amendment to that,  
15 but I am going to yield the chair to  
16 Chairman Saine for him to chair, and I'm going  
17 to present from the podium. Chairman Saine.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you,  
19 Mr. Chairman. Thank you, members of the  
20 committee.

21 We're going to start with Amendment 2;  
22 is that correct? Okay.

23 And the gentleman is recognized.

24 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
25 Mr. Chairman.

1           Members, this is H -- it's entitled  
2 HBK Amendment Number 2. There's two pages to  
3 this amendment, and I'll briefly go through,  
4 sort of from west to east, the reasons behind  
5 the changes in this map.

6           Beginning with Cabarrus county, the  
7 chair was informed that Representative Pittman  
8 does not plan to run again, and so we didn't  
9 have the concern of not double-bunking.  
10 Representative Pittman said -- so I went in and  
11 tried to make it a bit more compact, so that's  
12 the reason for that change.

13           Moving east into the Durham  
14 and -- excuse me -- the Chatham-Randolph  
15 grouping, I did -- we heard a lot of public  
16 comment about population deviations between  
17 Chatham and the Randolph district, and so I went  
18 in and tried to fix some of that, to make those  
19 districts a little bit more even in terms of  
20 population deviation.

21           Moving on to the east in the  
22 Sampson-Bladen-Wayne-Duplin-Pender-Onslow  
23 groupings, we -- I felt that Bladen and Pender  
24 made more sense being together in terms of  
25 counties that have similar interest, and if we

1 draw it this way, we're able to draw more  
2 compact districts.

3 So, Mr. Chair, I would move that this  
4 amendment be adopted.

5 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any further  
6 presentation and the motion -- any questions for  
7 the maker of the motion?

8 Representative Szoka.

9 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Chair.

11 Just for clarity sake, I believe you  
12 said Bladen and Pender would be together.  
13 Mr. Chairman, I think you meant to say Bladen  
14 and Sampson because that's what the map shows,  
15 just for clarity.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: That's right,  
17 Representative Szoka. You're correct. My  
18 apologies.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any other questions?  
21 Representative Harrison.

22 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you,  
23 Mr. Chair. Chair Hall, I'm just -- it's hard to  
24 read this on the fly, but I'm wondering, are you  
25 splitting precincts, VTDs in Durham? And if so,

1 why?

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: Representative  
3 Harrison, VTDs have been split, and that's  
4 because the populations are so large in that  
5 part of the state that they need to be split.

6 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Can I have a  
7 follow-up.

8 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You're recognized for  
9 a follow-up.

10 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: And again,  
11 apologies for last minute here.

12 So with the -- with the Wayne grouping,  
13 what VRA issues did you take into consideration?

14 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: The gentleman's  
15 recognized.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: As the lady knows, and  
17 I've said previously in this committee, courts  
18 have found that there is no legally significant  
19 racially polarized voting in North Carolina.  
20 The committee decided not to use race as a  
21 factor in drawing these maps, and therefore the  
22 maps comply with the VRA.

23 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Follow-up, if  
24 I may.

25 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You're recognized for

1 follow-up.

2 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: I appreciate  
3 that. We may have a difference of opinion about  
4 that, but I'll wait for that discussion.

5 Another thing -- and I apologize. Are  
6 you splitting any municipalities in this -- in  
7 the Wayne county proposal?

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.

9 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: And if I may  
10 have one more follow-up.

11 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Yeah, one more.

12 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Are you  
13 splitting any VTDs in Wayne?

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: There is one VTD that's  
15 split in the district.

16 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Seeing no other  
17 questions, you've heard the motion. All those  
18 in favor signify with saying aye.

19 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Those opposed, like  
21 sign.

22 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: No.

23 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: In the opinion of the  
24 chair, the ayes have it, the ayes do have it,  
25 and the amendment is adopted.

1           Recognize the gentleman from Caldwell  
2 county.

3           CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
4 Mr. Chairman.

5           And, Members, now that the PCS as  
6 amended is before the committee, I do want to  
7 make some brief opening remarks because I think  
8 that the process, as I've previously said  
9 chairing this committee and in presenting, this  
10 is a historic process in this body that has  
11 never happened in the history of this state and  
12 in the history of this General Assembly.

13           We've embarked on the most transparent  
14 redistricting process in North Carolina history,  
15 and there is simply no debate that can be had  
16 about that. Every part of this map-making  
17 process was done in public, and it was recorded,  
18 it was archived for anyone who would like to see  
19 it. Not only was it the most transparent  
20 process, but for the first time in  
21 North Carolina history, the legislature adopted  
22 a process on our own, on our own volition, that  
23 did not include the use of political data.

24           Further, we received an immense amount  
25 of public input on the maps which has resulted

1 in a North Carolina House map that reflects  
2 weeks of public comment both in person and  
3 online. Additionally, this room has been open  
4 since October 6th, Monday through Friday, from  
5 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., wherein any member could  
6 come in and draw whatever maps that they saw  
7 fit. There was not a problem with resources in  
8 terms of the computer. I was in here quite a  
9 bit over the course of that roughly three and a  
10 half weeks, and I don't think at any point that  
11 I see all four stations being filled at one  
12 time, so every member had every opportunity to  
13 come in and draw whatever map that they saw fit.

14 Members, as you all know, the rural  
15 areas in North Carolina have lost an immense  
16 amount of population in the past decade which  
17 has resulted in wholesale change of some  
18 districts and areas. A couple of examples of  
19 that is Representative Willingham's district,  
20 where he kept all of his current district in  
21 Edgecombe and Martin, but he had to add the  
22 entirety of Bertie to make the minimum  
23 population. Same goes for Representative Wray  
24 who had to add another whole county, Warren  
25 county, to his current district of Halifax and



1 Northampton.

2 In addition, many of the groupings did  
3 not change over the course of the decade, or  
4 they remained similar to the previous decade,  
5 and given that there was so much litigation over  
6 the course of the last decade with respect to  
7 maps, the chair took advantage of many court  
8 cases that had previously dictated to the  
9 General Assembly on how to draw -- how to draw  
10 legislative maps and congressional maps. This  
11 is not applicable in all cases, however, but  
12 where applicable, the chair made every effort to  
13 keep the current districts intact and will  
14 encourage negative votes on any amendment that  
15 does not attempt to achieve that same goal.

16 I want to begin the presentation of the  
17 chair's proposed map by going through the  
18 criteria that this committee adopted and how the  
19 proposed map coincides with that criteria.

20 First, we decided to keep counties  
21 whole. Within the map -- of course, we all know  
22 that's a constitutional revision to the  
23 Stephenson decision. And within this map, where  
24 counties could be kept whole, they are kept  
25 whole. We kept every county whole that we

1 could. For example, Chatham, Lee county, Polk  
2 county are some counties where we had choices to  
3 make about keeping counties whole, and we kept  
4 those counties whole.

5 We attempted not to split VTDs. In  
6 2011, there were hundreds of hundreds of VTD  
7 splits in the 2011 maps that were drawn. In the  
8 chair's proposed map that's before you today,  
9 there are only six VTD splits across the entire  
10 state of North Carolina, only six in this entire  
11 map.

12 We honored municipal boundaries. The  
13 chair made every effort to keep municipalities  
14 whole throughout the draw. The report in front  
15 of you will say that there are 82 municipality  
16 splits across the state, but the bulk of the  
17 split municipalities that you see in the report  
18 either have no population or extraordinarily  
19 small populations in the parts that are split.

20 Contiguity. Every district in this map  
21 is contiguous.

22 Incumbency considerations. In this  
23 map, we chose the bare minimum of number  
24 of -- of number of members who are  
25 double-bunked.

1           We looked at compactness. Despite not  
2 being drawn by a computer algorithm, this map  
3 contains the compactness of the current map that  
4 had the advantage of being drawn with a computer  
5 algorithm.

6           We did not consider race. As chair, I  
7 did not look at racial data in drawing these  
8 maps.

9           We did not consider political data. I  
10 did not look at political data in drawing these  
11 maps.

12           Again, given that I did not have a  
13 computer-based algorithm or consultant using an  
14 algorithm, the final product has resulted in an  
15 impressive map that splits very few precincts,  
16 keeps municipalities whole, and creates compact  
17 districts.

18           And with that, Mr. Chairman, I will  
19 yield back to you.

20           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: The chair thanks the  
21 gentleman from Caldwell.

22           It's the chair's understanding that  
23 there are some amendments that will come before  
24 the committee today.

25           And is there a particular order,

1 Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: Probably just the order  
3 that are numbered, whatever you have in front of  
4 you. There's no particular --

5 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: So the chair will take  
6 up Amendment 1, looks like Mecklenburg county.  
7 Who will be presenting that?

8 Representative Reives.

9 I'm sorry.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 [Unintelligible].

12 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Okay. So this  
13 actually will be Amendment Number 2, but on your  
14 sheet it's labeled 1. So Amendment 2.

15 Representative Reives, you are  
16 recognized.

17 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you,  
18 Mr. Chair.

19 And one thing I would ask -- I'd be  
20 asking for the ayes and nos on each of these,  
21 and so if we could see about doing that now,  
22 then --

23 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: If the gentleman wants  
24 to have that, then the chair will gladly  
25 entertain that.

1           REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you very  
2 much.

3           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Sure. And you are  
4 recognized.

5           REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you.

6           And what I would say is this: that  
7 looking at the map that we already have that's  
8 been presented by Chairman Hall, you -- and I'm  
9 trying to read my own writing. There's a  
10 split --

11          CHAIRMAN HALL: It says that one looks  
12 good.

13          REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: That is what my  
14 note says. It's amazing. You already saw it.

15          It says that VTD Number 134 was split  
16 in District 89, and you also have a lack of  
17 compactness in districts across that county.

18          The amendment that I presented --  
19 excuse me -- would split Charlotte definitely,  
20 splits Huntersville, and splits Stallings which  
21 crosses county lines, but it does not split any  
22 of the VTDs. And the average Reock score across  
23 all 13 districts is 49, compared to 44 with the  
24 chairman's map, and also the Palsby-Popper  
25 difference is 45 to 33. And so I would say with

1 the compactness and with the fact it doesn't  
2 split VTDs that I feel like it complies with the  
3 committee's criteria more and therefore we would  
4 ask that you accept the amendment.

5 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: I read the gentleman's  
6 proposal. Anyone wishing to comment?

7 Representative Carney.

8 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Thank you,  
9 Mr. Chairman, and thank you to Leader Reives for  
10 this amendment.

11 As he had pointed out, it doesn't split  
12 VTDs, but you did -- this amendment has no split  
13 VTDs, but the Hall map does have. It splits  
14 134. And can you tell me why you had to split  
15 that VTD.

16 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall,  
17 you are recognized.

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Representative Carney,  
19 I -- let me -- let me get a more precinct-level  
20 detailed map so I can see exactly which one it  
21 is you're talking about.

22 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: And as they're looking  
24 for that, the chair is just going to -- as  
25 you're going through your paperwork, the next

1 one that we'll take up after this one will be  
2 Amendment 3 as it's labeled.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair.

4 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: HBVA Amend 3, if you  
5 just want to get that in your queue.

6 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: That --  
7 Mr. Chairman, that -- Chairman Hall, that  
8 precinct is in District 89, I think, if that  
9 helps.

10 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You are recognized,  
12 Representative Hall.

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: I don't have that  
14 particular VTD map in front of me,  
15 Representative Carney. The reason that that  
16 split was made was to try to keep the  
17 municipality whole in northern Mecklenburg. I  
18 believe that's Huntersville that we were trying  
19 to keep whole, and that's why that was split.

20 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Okay. And in  
21 District 90, there was another split VTD, and  
22 that particular one has the worst compactness  
23 score in the state. And so why -- I'm just  
24 questioning why did you draw it that way  
25 compared with the more compact version that we

1 have shown with the amendment offered by  
2 Representative Reives?

3 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Mr. Chairman, if we  
4 could perhaps displace that amendment and move  
5 on so I can get a copy of the Mecklenburg map  
6 with those precincts that are on there, we'll  
7 come back to that.

8 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Sure. I  
9 appreciate that.

10 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Yeah, we can displace  
11 that. We'll hold on to that one.

12 We'll move to what the chair had  
13 described as HBVA -- or HBV Amend 3 which looks  
14 like you'll see Randolph, Moore, Richmond.

15 Representative Harrison.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: That's my  
17 amendment.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Okay. You're  
19 recognized.

20 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you.  
21 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 So I'm not sure exactly how this  
23 compares to the changes that were made in  
24 Chair Hall's amendment, but there are -- there's  
25 a population deviation problem with Chatham and



1 the adjacent districts.

2 We heard a lot of comments, the public  
3 comments written and those who were present,  
4 that talked about the addition of -- I think it  
5 was the Providence precincts, specifically  
6 adding it to the Chatham county, which is  
7 rapidly growing, whereas the adjacent county  
8 Randolph is not and it's actually  
9 underpopulated. So this amendment simply takes  
10 that Providence voter tabulation district and  
11 keeps it in with House District 60, which is  
12 Representative McNeill's district.

13 And I believe that -- I believe that's  
14 all I have to say about that. I think it -- I  
15 think it handles the population issues better  
16 because you have -- Chatham county right now is  
17 nearly at 5 points, and it's growing rapidly,  
18 whereas the others are 3 to 5 points under the  
19 recommended deviation as required by Stephenson.  
20 So I would recommend this amendment for your  
21 approval.

22 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you,  
23 Representative Harrison.

24 Any questions for the maker of the  
25 amendment?

1 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall,  
3 you're recognized.

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: Members of the  
5 committee, the chair -- well, I listened to the  
6 public comment as well, and we did hear a lot of  
7 public comment about the deviation changes  
8 between the Chatham and Randolph districts. And  
9 so I am going to support this amendment, and I  
10 ask that you vote in favor of the amendment.

11 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others wish to  
12 speak on the amendment?

13 Seeing none, all those in favor of the  
14 amendment please signify with saying aye.

15 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Those opposed.

17 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes  
18 have it. The ayes do have it.

19 Representative Reives, you are correct.  
20 You asked for a roll call vote. I will  
21 certainly honor that.

22 If the clerk will call the roll.

23 THE CLERK: Adams.

24 REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Brockman.

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Carney.

REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.

REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Dixon.

REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: Aye.

THE CLERK: Hardister.

REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: Aye.

THE CLERK: Garrison.

REPRESENTATIVE GARRISON: Aye.

THE CLERK: Hastings.

Hawkins.

REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Jones.

REPRESENTATIVE JONES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Mills.

REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Reives.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Rogers.

REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Szoka.

REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: Aye.

THE CLERK: Warren.

REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: Aye.

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THE CLERK: Zachary.

REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Richardson.

[Unintelligible].

THE CLERK: Saine.

CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Aye.

THE CLERK: Torbett.

REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: Aye.

THE CLERK: Bell.

REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Aye.

THE CLERK: Stevens.

Chairman Hall.

CHAIRMAN HALL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Before the clerk proceeds, Representative Richardson, I see you on the -- on Webex, and I also see Representative Hastings. We didn't get audio from you. If you'd like to cast your vote, Representative Richardson.

If you'll give me a thumbs up. It looks like aye; is that correct?

Okay, we've got an aye for Representative Richardson.

Representative Hastings.

REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: And, Representative  
2 Brockman, did we miss -- he's out of the room.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
5 Hastings. There you are. We don't have audio,  
6 but if you're an aye, please signify with a  
7 thumbs up. And we'll record that as aye.

8 And Brockman online is giving us a  
9 thumbs up. If the committee members will verify  
10 that. It sounds like everyone's in agreement.

11 And the amendment does pass  
12 unanimously.

13 Representative Hall, do you have the  
14 data that you needed and we can go back to that?

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: If you will continue  
16 on, Mr. Chairman, and I will let you know when I  
17 get that up here.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: We've got -- the  
19 chair's just randomly pulling from his stack,  
20 just like yours. The chair pulls HST Amend 1.  
21 It looks like Alamance county.

22 Representative Harrison, is that yours?

23 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: If I'm not  
24 mistaken, it's Representative Reives.

25 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Reives,

1 you're recognized.

2 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you.

3 And in both the chair's map and my  
4 amendment, we split the city of Burlington, but  
5 both do not split VTDs or double-bunk any  
6 incumbents. My amendment proposes a more  
7 compact drawing of the two districts in  
8 Alamance, and I would ask that the committee  
9 adopt this amendment because of that.

10 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Okay. You've heard  
11 the presentation on the amendment.

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Anyone wishing to be  
14 recognized.

15 Representative Hall.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 Members, Alamance county has been the  
19 subject of litigation in the past. And as I  
20 said earlier, we tried to take what we learned  
21 from those cases and apply them to these maps.  
22 And so in this map, I only made three total  
23 changes in terms of VTDs in the -- in the  
24 whole -- the whole map, in this grouping, and so  
25 because of that, I would ask you to oppose this

1 amendment.

2 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others wishing to  
3 speak?

4 Representative Harrison.

5 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you,  
6 Mr. Chair.

7 Chair Hall, just a couple of quick  
8 questions. Comparing Representative Reives'  
9 proposed map -- proposed changes to the -- your  
10 proposal, it just looks on the face of it that  
11 Representative Reives' amendment is more  
12 compact. And I think you said this, but the  
13 Polsby-Popper score is .39 versus .31, and you  
14 can see that there's that little, odd precinct  
15 that pokes out into Representative Riddell's  
16 proposed district from Representative Hurtado's.

17 And it seems like -- it looks like  
18 you're putting North Thompson voting tabulation  
19 district into 54 and you moved the South  
20 Burlington voter tabulation district out of 54,  
21 where there were other VTDs such as Faucette,  
22 and the northern section of the county that had  
23 an identical population or close population to  
24 Northern Thompson. So do you mind saying why  
25 you chose the ones you did.

1 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

2 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
3 Representative Harrison, for the question.

4 As an aside, the chair will say that  
5 this committee room has been open for three and  
6 a half weeks. I was not given any of these  
7 amendments until last night. That -- I don't  
8 want to cast aspersions on anyone, but one can  
9 infer that that was by design.

10 And so again, what I will say about  
11 this map and the one that was drawn is that  
12 Alamance county has been litigated and the  
13 current district has been upheld in a court, and  
14 so when I went in to draw this, my goal was to  
15 make as few changes as possible and as few  
16 changes as reasonably required with population  
17 changes because, again, it's been litigated and  
18 in making as few changes as possible, we stick  
19 with something that's similar to the current  
20 district and makes it more likely that it will  
21 be upheld.

22 Again, I didn't -- I've got eight  
23 amendments I think that are being put forth  
24 tonight, didn't get them until last night. Some  
25 of the printouts don't even have precinct-level



1 numbers on them. No members approached me  
2 during the map-drawing process. I did speak  
3 with Representative Reives quite a bit, and he  
4 was always open with me and upfront, and I was  
5 the same with him, but it doesn't change the  
6 fact that the members of this committee have had  
7 three and a half weeks to put forth amendments.  
8 We didn't get them until last night.

9 And so I think that -- you know,  
10 because of that, it makes it difficult to sit  
11 down and talk about precinct-level data with the  
12 members asking questions on amendments that they  
13 sent last night. Please oppose the amendment.

14 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
15 Harrison.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Just a quick  
17 follow-up.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You are recognized.

19 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: These are not  
20 my amendments so I can't speak to the process,  
21 but I do know that the staff has been pretty  
22 backed up drafting because we're just seeing  
23 them for the first time too.

24 I just -- not a question, but just  
25 think there are ways to move precincts and equal

1 populations that would improve the map's  
2 compactness because the Polsby-Popper scores are  
3 clearly better in Reives' amendment, so I would  
4 urge you to support it. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN SAINE: You're recognized,  
7 sir.

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: I would like to see if  
9 Representative Harrison would yield for a  
10 question.

11 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Representative  
12 Harrison, will you yield?

13 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: The lady said that  
15 these are not your amendments. Can you tell the  
16 committee whose amendments these are.

17 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: I believe  
18 Representative Reives. It's  
19 Representative Reives' amendment. I just  
20 offered the Chatham county one. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Thank you.

23 Any others wishing recognition.

24 Seeing not, we will go into a roll call  
25 vote at the request of Representative Reives.

1           The clerk will call the roll.

2           THE CLERK: Adams.

3           REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: No.

4           THE CLERK: Brockman.

5           Carney.

6           REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.

7           THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.

8           REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.

9           THE CLERK: Dixon.

10          REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: No.

11          THE CLERK: Hardister.

12          REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: No.

13          THE CLERK: Harrison.

14          REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: No.

15          THE CLERK: Hastings.

16          REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: I'm sorry. I

17          meant to say aye. I apologize.

18          THE CLERK: Hastings.

19          CHAIRMAN SAINE: Representative

20          Hastings and Representative Brockman, the chair

21          and the vice chair have noticed you signified

22          with a thumbs up as aye. If the clerk will

23          record that for Representative Brockman.

24                 Representative Hastings, we have no

25          audio on your -- on your feed. If you could

1 either signify by cutting your camera on and  
2 showing us or using the app there that can give  
3 the thumbs up. We'll come back to you before we  
4 finish.

5 Go ahead, clerk.

6 THE CLERK: Hawkins.

7 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Jones.

9 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: No.

10 THE CLERK: Mills.

11 REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: No.

12 THE CLERK: Reives.

13 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Rogers.

15 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS:

16 [Unintelligible].

17 THE CLERK: Szoka.

18 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: No.

19 THE CLERK: Warren.

20 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: No.

21 THE CLERK: Zachary.

22 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: No.

23 THE CLERK: Richardson.

24 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Richardson on visual  
25 is signifying aye.

1 THE CLERK: Saine.

2 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: No.

3 THE CLERK: Torbett.

4 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: No.

5 THE CLERK: Bell.

6 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: No.

7 THE CLERK: Stevens.

8 Hall.

9 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.

10 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: We'll try one  
11 time -- one more time with Representative  
12 Hastings.

13 Representative Hastings, if you can  
14 come to your video or signify with the app  
15 there, with the thumbs up or thumbs down,  
16 whichever you prefer.

17 REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: Can you hear  
18 me now, Mr. Chair?

19 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: The chair sees no  
20 response from Representative Hastings.

21 The clerk --

22 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: There he is.

23 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
24 Hastings signifies no. Thank you, sir.

25 THE CLERK: 7 yes; 14 no.

1 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: The amendment fails.  
2 Next in our stack of stuff, try for  
3 HBA Amend 3 which looks like Cumberland county.  
4 Who's the maker of this amendment? Who wants to  
5 present?

6 Representative Reives, you're  
7 recognized.

8 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: All right. And  
9 thank you for that, Mr. Chair.

10 And what I would note for the committee  
11 is this amendment does not split any VTDs, does  
12 not double-bunk any incumbents. We believe it  
13 better follows the committee's criteria in two  
14 ways. First, other than Fayetteville, there are  
15 no municipality splits. The chair's map splits  
16 the town of Hope Mills. Second, this amendment  
17 has a better average compactness score than the  
18 chair's map, and therefore we would ask that the  
19 committee adopt the amendment.

20 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Okay. You've heard  
21 the presentation on the amendment. Any --

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall  
24 and then Representative Cooper-Suggs.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Chairman, I'll

1 yield to Representative Cooper-Suggs.

2 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
3 Cooper-Suggs, you're recognized.

4 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Thank  
5 you, Mr. Chair, and thank you,  
6 Representative Hall. I have a question that I'd  
7 like to ask.

8 The amendment, as Leader Reives says,  
9 does not split Hope Mills, but why does your map  
10 split the town?

11 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

12 CHAIRMAN HALL: 95 percent of  
13 Hope Mills is not split in the map. Well -- and  
14 I'd like to be recognized at the appropriate  
15 time to speak to the amendment.

16 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You're recognized.

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: And I use 95 percent as  
18 a rough figure. But as to this particular map,  
19 again, I'll note, I've seen this amendment last  
20 night. The map that I put out was put out over  
21 a week ago now with precinct-level data. I  
22 wanted to give the public time to look at it and  
23 make whatever suggestions they wanted to make.  
24 I seen this one, again, last night.

25 Cumberland county's been subject to

1 intense litigation over the course of the last  
2 decade in state and federal courts, and as a  
3 result, the map that we currently have on our  
4 current districts has been upheld in court. And  
5 so again, going with the same theory as some of  
6 the previous groupings, my goal in this map was  
7 to make as few changes as reasonably necessary  
8 with population shifts to ensure that we  
9 continued to have a legal map, and that's what  
10 you have before you.

11 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: I have  
12 another question.

13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
14 Cooper-Suggs.

15 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Yes, just  
16 to follow up.

17 Chairman Hall, for Districts 27 and 28,  
18 before we pass these maps, are you going to take  
19 any steps to ensure that African American voters  
20 are not packed, being packed into these maps?

21 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 As previously said, this map has been  
25 upheld -- the current -- the current districts



1 we have has been upheld in court. This map  
2 makes the minimal changes to that map, and so I  
3 am confident that this will be upheld in court.

4 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others wishing to  
5 speak on the amendment? Seeing none, we will  
6 move to a roll call vote.

7 The clerk will call the roll.

8 THE CLERK: Adams.

9 REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: No.

10 THE CLERK: Brockman.

11 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: And just for those on  
12 Webex know, they're working on the audio now.

13 Brockman signifies aye with a thumbs  
14 up.

15 THE CLERK: Carney.

16 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.

18 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Dixon.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: No.

21 THE CLERK: Hardister.

22 REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: No.

23 THE CLERK: Harrison.

24 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Hastings.

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REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.

THE CLERK: Jones.

REPRESENTATIVE JONES: No.

THE CLERK: Mills.

REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: No.

THE CLERK: Reives.

REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.

THE CLERK: Rogers.

REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: No.

THE CLERK: Szoka.

REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: No.

THE CLERK: Warren.

REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: No.

THE CLERK: Zachary.

REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: No.

THE CLERK: Richardson.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's a yes.

CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Richardson has  
signified yes, thumbs up.

THE CLERK: Saine.

CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: No.

THE CLERK: Torbett.

REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: No.

THE CLERK: Bell.

1 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: No.

2 THE CLERK: Stevens.

3 Hall.

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.

5 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: And the chair will  
6 also note that Representative Richardson is  
7 having fun with emojis, and Representative  
8 Hastings has signified no.

9 THE CLERK: 7 yes; 14 no.

10 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: The amendment does  
11 fail.

12 The chair has been informed it is time  
13 for us to go to session. We're going to stand  
14 at ease as a committee and we will come back ten  
15 minutes immediately after session.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair, can  
17 we leave our stuff.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You can leave your  
19 stuff in the room. It will be attended to while  
20 we're in session.

21 [At ease.]

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23 10:07:09 and started again at 10:59:42.)

24 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: ... in the room  
25 anticipating that he may be presenting these.

1 Let's see if this is one of his amendments, but  
2 we'll give it a few minutes. If somebody would  
3 like to text him and tell him we're starting.

4 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: And,  
5 Mr. Chair, I don't mind trying to offer an  
6 amendment in his name if you want to get moving  
7 while we're waiting on him. It's up to the  
8 committee.

9 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Yeah. The chair will  
10 give him a moment if anyone gets a response  
11 back. You got him on the phone.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What are we  
13 looking at?

14 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: So you can go ahead  
15 and pull up HBV Amend 5. Stokes is at the top  
16 of that one.

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: I've called  
20 Representative Reives. He's on his way up right  
21 now, so if we can give him just a minute.

22 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: We will certainly  
23 suspend until he arrives.

24 We're going to start with HBV Amend 5,  
25 and it's got Stokes in yellow at the top.

1 Representative Hall, do you know if  
2 we've got the audio fixed for the folks on  
3 Webex?

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: If we can just direct  
5 staff, make sure that the audio is working for  
6 the folks on Webex.

7 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Can you  
8 hear me.

9 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
10 Richardson, we can hear you, sir. Thank you for  
11 the mic check.

12 Representative Reives, we'll give you  
13 just a moment to get settled. We're looking at  
14 the HBV Amend 5 which has got Stokes county in  
15 yellow at the top.

16 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you for  
17 that, Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Yes, sir. When you  
19 get settled, just let me know.

20 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: All right.

21 Okay, I'm ready to proceed. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Yes, sir. And is this  
23 your amendment?

24 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Yes, it is.

25 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Okay. You are

1 recognized, sir.

2 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: All right.  
3 Thank you.

4 I would ask the committee consider  
5 supporting this amendment. This amendment does  
6 not double-bunk any incumbents; it does not  
7 splitting any VTDs. It does split Walkertown  
8 and Winston-Salem which is the same as the  
9 chair's map. And this amendment better complies  
10 with our criteria by not splitting Tobaccoville.  
11 This amendment also has better average  
12 compactness scores across all five districts. I  
13 would ask the committee to consider adopting the  
14 amendment.

15 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You've heard the  
16 amendment. Are there any questions or  
17 commentary?

18 Representative Hall.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 Members, I took the same approach with  
22 this one as I previously have stated in other  
23 parts of the map, and that is Forsyth has been  
24 heavily litigated over the course of the last  
25 decade, and so I started with the current set of

1 districts and tried to make changes based upon  
2 population. One of the changes that had to be  
3 made in this grouping is the change between  
4 Stokes and Yadkin counties. The prior grouping  
5 had Yadkin county. This grouping has Forsyth  
6 and Stokes county, and so I basically swapped  
7 Stokes and Yadkin and then tried to make minimal  
8 changes to the district, again, knowing that  
9 this has been heavily litigated and trying to  
10 stick with something similar to what was already  
11 there. So I would respectfully ask the  
12 committee to vote no on the amendment.

13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you.

14 Representative Harrison.

15 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you,  
16 Mr. Chair. Thank you, Chair Hall. I just had a  
17 couple of questions.

18 In looking at the map -- so as  
19 Representative Reives said, the compactness  
20 scores are quite different in the amendment that  
21 is before you and the proposed PCS. So  
22 the -- specifically the Reock is .52, which is  
23 great, and Chair Hall's map is .42, and then on  
24 the Palsby-Popper it's .46 to .33, which I would  
25 say is a fairly significant difference on the

1 compactness scores.

2 But if you'll look at on the  
3 Stokes -- on proposed House District 69, you see  
4 that weird finger that goes down into -- into  
5 Forsyth county, into Winston-Salem and takes out  
6 12 percent of Winston-Salem residences and puts  
7 them in with Stokes county, which I would say is  
8 probably not a good fit. It seems like it would  
9 make more sense to keep Winston-Salem a little  
10 bit more whole. So I am trying to figure out  
11 why you did it the way you did it, unless you've  
12 already answered that.

13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: That change was made to  
15 keep Wake Forest whole.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Follow-up.

17 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
18 Harrison, you are recognized for a follow-up.

19 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: And if I  
20 could also ask why you split the town of  
21 Tobaccoville. Or the amendment that  
22 Representative Reives is offering does not split  
23 Tobaccoville.

24 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Again, this is a map



1 that I received last night. My map has been out  
2 for nearly ten days now. Members have had a  
3 chance to look at it. Nobody came to me until  
4 last night to try to change this map.

5 I stuck with what the current map was  
6 and tried to make minimal changes to it. The  
7 result is a map that complies with our criteria  
8 and also complies with a similar map to what the  
9 courts have already upheld. I would ask you to  
10 vote no on the amendment.

11 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
12 Harrison.

13 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: And just one  
14 more follow-up.

15 And I appreciate that response,  
16 Chair Hall. I do want to just point out, sort  
17 of in general, you mentioned this a couple of  
18 times about making minimal changes, but we have  
19 other -- we have other proposed districts where  
20 we started from scratch, say Buncombe county,  
21 and we have nuisances data and new county  
22 groupings, so I think it is worth contemplating  
23 making more compact districts in different  
24 configuration, and I will just end there. Thank  
25 you.

1           CHAIRMAN SAINE: Thank you. Any others  
2 wishing recognition.

3           Seeing none -- Representative  
4 Richardson on Webex.

5           REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Yes. Thank  
6 you, Mr. Chair. I'll be very brief.

7           I would hope that rather than looking  
8 at when the amendment came in, and I know it's  
9 frustrating and it's hard to compile all this,  
10 that we look at the actual merits of this. And  
11 while I do think it's important that we keep  
12 Wake Forest together, but taking Tobaccoville  
13 out of it, it seems like to me we can do a  
14 little bit better, and I think this amendment  
15 does that, so I would encourage folks to vote  
16 for the amendment. Thank you.

17           CHAIRMAN SAINE: Thank you,  
18 Representative Richardson.

19           Any others wishing recognition?

20           Seeing none, as previously asked by  
21 Representative Reives, we will move to a roll  
22 call vote, and the clerk will call the roll.

23           THE CLERK: Adams.

24           REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: No.

25           THE CLERK: Brockman.

1 REPRESENTATIVE BROCKMAN: Yes.

2 THE CLERK: Carney.

3 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.

5 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Dixon.

7 REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: No.

8 THE CLERK: Hardister.

9 REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: No.

10 THE CLERK: Harrison.

11 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Hastings.

13 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Representative  
14 Hastings -- and the clerk, did you record  
15 Representative Brockman as a yes?

16 THE CLERK: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Okay. Representative  
18 Hastings signifies no.

19 THE CLERK: Hawkins.

20 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Jones.

22 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: No.

23 THE CLERK: Mills.

24 REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: No.

25 THE CLERK: Reives.

1 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.  
2 THE CLERK: Rogers.  
3 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: No.  
4 THE CLERK: Szoka.  
5 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: No.  
6 THE CLERK: Warren.  
7 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: No.  
8 THE CLERK: Zachary.  
9 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: No.  
10 THE CLERK: Richardson.  
11 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Aye.  
12 THE CLERK: Saine.  
13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: No.  
14 THE CLERK: Torbett.  
15 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: No.  
16 THE CLERK: Bell.  
17 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: No.  
18 THE CLERK: Stevens.  
19 Hall.  
20 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.  
21 THE CLERK: 7 yes; 14 no.  
22 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: The amendment does  
23 fail.  
24 Members, next, choosing from the stack  
25 here, I've got HBV Amend 6. Looks like Guilford

1 county. I'll give you a moment to pull that up.

2 And who's the sponsor of that  
3 amendment? All right. Representative Reives.

4 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you,  
5 Mr. Chair.

6 And like we've just seen with the prior  
7 amendment, the differences in compactness and  
8 natural-looking districts I think are clear when  
9 comparing these to the map that we're presented  
10 with as the overall chair map. The average  
11 Reock score for these six districts in amendment  
12 is 52, compared to 40 for the main map;  
13 Polsby-Popper is 43 compared to 30.

14 And I know that -- we've seen a lot of  
15 this, but I would make the same argument here  
16 that with the compactness and with the natural  
17 look, we'd ask that you support this amendment.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you. Others  
19 wishing recognition.

20 Representative Hall.

21 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
22 Mr. Chairman.

23 Members, as previously stated and as  
24 the same for Guilford county. Guilford county  
25 was heavily litigated over the course of the

1 last decade, so the chair took measures to try  
2 to make minimal changes. My map moved only four  
3 total precincts from the 2020 map that was  
4 approved by the court, and the proposed  
5 amendment completely changes how Guilford  
6 county's drawn and the district that the members  
7 currently represent, so I would respectfully ask  
8 the committee members to vote no.

9 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others wishing  
10 recognition.

11 Representative Harrison.

12 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you,  
13 Mr. Chair, and thank you, Chair Hall.

14 I wanted to reiterate, I think  
15 Representative Reives commented about the  
16 compactness, and it's an important criteria in  
17 the criteria that we are operating under in  
18 drawing maps that shouldn't be understated. But  
19 I was wondering why you split the town of  
20 Summerfield into three districts.

21 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

22 CHAIRMAN HALL: Again, I received this  
23 amendment last night with no prior warning. No  
24 member came to me to talk about, for example,  
25 the question the lady just asked whatsoever.

1           Again, I made minimal changes. I moved  
2           only four precincts from the map in 2020 to deal  
3           with population shifts. This map comports with  
4           prior court rulings, and I ask you to vote no on  
5           the amendment.

6           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others wishing  
7           recognition.

8           Representative Harrison.

9           REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Just a quick  
10          follow-up.

11          I disagree -- I want to encourage  
12          members to support this amendment because I  
13          think the compactness, which is a criteria in  
14          drawing the maps, is much better than the  
15          current proposal, and also we have a  
16          municipality that is not going to be split in  
17          the amendment that is being offered, so I  
18          encourage you to support Representative Reives'  
19          amendment. Thank you.

20          CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others on Webex or  
21          here in the room. Seeing none, the clerk will  
22          call the roll.

23          THE CLERK: Adams.

24          REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: No.

25          THE CLERK: Brockman.

1 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Representative  
2 Brockman. Representative Brockman signifies  
3 aye.

4 THE CLERK: Carney.

5 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.

7 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Dixon.

9 REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: No.

10 THE CLERK: Hardister.

11 REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: No.

12 THE CLERK: Harrison.

13 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Hastings.

15 REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: No.

16 THE CLERK: Hawkins.

17 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Jones.

19 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: No.

20 THE CLERK: Mills.

21 REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: No.

22 THE CLERK: Reives.

23 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Rogers.

25 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: [Inaudible.]



1 THE CLERK: Szoka.  
2 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: No.  
3 THE CLERK: Warren.  
4 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: No.  
5 THE CLERK: Zachary.  
6 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: No.  
7 THE CLERK: Richardson.  
8 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Aye.  
9 THE CLERK: Saine.  
10 CHAIRMAN SAINE: No.  
11 THE CLERK: Torbett.  
12 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: No.  
13 THE CLERK: Bell.  
14 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: No.  
15 THE CLERK: Stevens.  
16 Hall.  
17 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.  
18 THE CLERK: 7 yes; 14 no.  
19 CHAIRMAN SAINE: And the amendment  
20 fails.  
21 Next we will take up HCE Amend 1 which  
22 is Pitt county. Who's the sponsor of this one?  
23 Representative Reives, you're  
24 recognized.  
25 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you,

1 Mr. Chair.

2 And I would ask that the committee  
3 support this particular amendment. In the  
4 chair's map in my opinion will not be as compact  
5 as this map, and I've tried to improve on the  
6 compactness here. When you look at all the  
7 scores that we normally look at, it scores  
8 better on both scores, and also this amendment  
9 does not split the town of Winterville while the  
10 chairman's map, so no split VTDs, no  
11 double-bunked incumbents. I ask for your  
12 support.

13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you, sir.  
14 Representative Hall.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 Members, again, I ask you to vote no on  
18 the amendment. I believe that my map does a  
19 better job of keeping municipalities whole.  
20 Winterville in this map is mostly unsplit.  
21 Again, I'd ask for you to vote the amendment  
22 down.

23 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
24 Hawkins.

25 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Yes, sir.

1 Chairman Hall, I want to thank you for  
2 being willing to answer questions today. And,  
3 you know, having grown up in eastern  
4 North Carolina, I'm still vaguely familiar with  
5 sort of the landscape, and so it really does beg  
6 the question about the town of Winterville. You  
7 know, the amendment that Representative Reives  
8 put forward does keep it intact.

9 And so I guess the question is is why  
10 didn't yours, and what was the decisionmaking  
11 that sort of went into your splitting of  
12 Winterville?

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you for the  
14 question.

15 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Representative Hall,  
16 you are recognized.

17 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you, sir.

18 You know, again, I'll go back to this  
19 amendment was just given to me last night. And  
20 I always enjoy working with the gentleman on  
21 redistricting, and as I've said, you're very  
22 thoughtful on these issues, and I appreciate  
23 that.

24 The position that I'm put in tonight is  
25 I've been in this room for three weeks drawing

1 maps. You've been in here some, but, you know,  
2 this is another area of the map where in my  
3 opinion, had I heard from other -- from members  
4 of the minority party, you know, we may have  
5 been able to give some of that input, but again,  
6 this is sort of sprung on me in the sense that I  
7 do want to give Representative Reives credit for  
8 letting me know -- he and I discussed amendments  
9 today, but as you know, Representative Hawkins,  
10 this is complicated stuff. And the map that  
11 I've got in front of me, I can't tell what  
12 cities are where.

13           Again, I know that the map that we  
14 currently have does a better job of keeping  
15 Winterville whole, and for those reasons I would  
16 ask members to vote no on the amendment.

17           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
18 Hawkins.

19           REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Follow-up --

20           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: And, Representative  
21 Richardson, I've got you next.

22           REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: And thank you  
23 so much for that answer. And again, I look  
24 forward to, you know, many more times of working  
25 on these maps with you because it seems like

1 that's where we're headed for this decade.

2 But one of the things that I want to  
3 make sure of, of course, is, again, sort of  
4 being familiar with the landscape and even in  
5 Pitt county, we know that voters live on  
6 different sides of town. And so are you  
7 concerned about sort of packing and sort of the  
8 ways that one district seems pretty --  
9 potentially pretty heavy with African American  
10 voters? I know you did not take this into  
11 consideration due to our rules and what we voted  
12 on, but I do want to make sure that if we find  
13 out that this is the case, how do we approach  
14 that?

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: I have not looked at  
16 race at all, Representative Hawkins, and so I  
17 can't answer that question.

18 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Thank you,  
19 Mr. Chairman. Follow-up.

20 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You are recognized for  
21 a follow-up.

22 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: And I -- you  
23 know, I understand that we -- as this process  
24 has gone on, things do get presented with  
25 not -- you know, without the opportunity to be

1 fully digestible even for a skillful lawyer like  
2 yourself, but one of the things that I -- you  
3 know, before I ask my next question I'll just  
4 say this as a statement.

5 We're only bound by the ways in which  
6 we do this and sort of our own timelines and our  
7 own criteria so, you know, if the chairman feels  
8 that, you know, we don't have enough time to  
9 digest some of this, I do kindly offer,  
10 Mr. Chairman, that we look at, you know, pushing  
11 back our primaries and giving ourselves more  
12 time so that we can do that because I do believe  
13 that the people of North Carolina would want us  
14 to get it right, and I think, as you have so  
15 clearly stated, we're only supposed to do this  
16 once a decade, and so I want to make sure that  
17 we get a chance to, but I'll ask my question  
18 now. That was just my statement, Mr. Chairman.

19 So one of the things, too, is that, you  
20 know, the number of the ways in which you split  
21 these precincts is -- you know, didn't  
22 necessarily seem like you had to. Was there any  
23 rhyme or reason for the split of VTDs?

24 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

25 CHAIRMAN HALL: Again, Representative

1 Hawkins, the gentleman's asking me just a  
2 general question tonight and, you know, sort of  
3 being bombarded. And I don't mean that as a --

4 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Oh, sure.

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: -- as a criticism of  
6 the gentleman, but we have gone through the  
7 most -- the most transparent process in this  
8 state's history. I literally drew this in in  
9 this committee room. Anybody in the public can  
10 go back and watch this video.

11 I believe that this map complies better  
12 with our criteria than the amendment. I don't  
13 have a lot of information about the amendment  
14 other than a picture of it in front of me that  
15 doesn't -- doesn't contain any of the VTDs, and  
16 so therefore I would ask the folks -- the  
17 members to oppose the amendment.

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
19 Hawkins.

20 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Last question.

21 And, you know, specific to sort of your  
22 map, and not the one that was put forth to you  
23 tonight, because I do understand that being sort  
24 of tougher to digest, but for the one that you  
25 drew, that, you know, you did within the last

1 three weeks, it seems that the southern -- it's  
2 specifically those southern precincts that  
3 border Lenoir county that seem to be one of the  
4 ones that -- you know, some of the issue that I  
5 want to sort of take note to and just sort of  
6 get a little bit of a thought process behind,  
7 you know, why we decided to do those because,  
8 you know, the way the county is broken up, it  
9 just didn't seem like it had to be done that  
10 way. So this is just referring specifically to  
11 the map that you drew, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

13 CHAIRMAN HALL: Again, Representative  
14 Hawkins, the map complies with the criteria. It  
15 actually -- it looks -- in my opinion, it looks  
16 like a better district when you look at Pitt  
17 county compared to the amendment, basically  
18 splitting the county in half from -- a northern  
19 portion and a southern portion, and I would ask  
20 the committee members to oppose the amendment.

21 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
22 Richardson -- Representative Hawkins, did you  
23 exhaust your question?

24 Okay. Representative Richardson, you  
25 are recognized.



1           REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Yes. Just  
2 for a brief making a point.

3           I don't know much, but I know this,  
4 that whenever you take a county as vital -- and  
5 I want to underscore vital -- to eastern  
6 North Carolina as this county is and you make it  
7 less competitive on both sides, it's not good.

8           You know, I know what the criteria are,  
9 but everybody in this room knows exactly what's  
10 going on here, and it needs to be -- this -- one  
11 of those districts needs to be a very  
12 competitive district. We get better people up  
13 here when we have competitive districts. Thank  
14 you.

15           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you,  
16 Representative Richardson.

17           Any others wishing recognition.  
18 Representative Hall.

19           CHAIRMAN HALL: Mr. Chairman, I'll  
20 yield to Representative Reives.

21           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: I'm sorry.  
22 Representative Reives.

23           REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you,  
24 Mr. Chair, and thank you, Mr. Chair.

25           I had one question with Pitt. One of

1 the things that we've talked about -- first I'll  
2 make a statement just for clarification. And I  
3 appreciate the chair's comments earlier that,  
4 you know, this wasn't an intentional spring.  
5 You know, staffs had to do a yeoman's job trying  
6 to get all of this stuff together for all of us,  
7 and we started putting together amendments as  
8 soon as we could based on once we saw the map  
9 we'd be working from. We did think it would be  
10 unproductive that every time somebody came in  
11 here and did a map that we would then come right  
12 behind them and tell them, hey, you've got to  
13 fix this or do this, and I tried to be  
14 considerate of people's process.

15 But with that being said, my question  
16 is so far with the amendments we've had, one of  
17 the things that we've emphasized have been  
18 minimalist changes to the prior maps. My  
19 question is what is it that was different about  
20 this county that -- you know, because, clearly,  
21 I mean, when you look at the maps and you look  
22 at the former map, there haven't been minimalist  
23 changes here but there have actually been a lot  
24 of changes. What is it about this particular  
25 map that caused this to have so many more

1 changes?

2 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

3 CHAIRMAN HALL: One of the things was  
4 that previously Pitt county had roughly two and  
5 a half members and now, because of population  
6 changes, they just have two members. And so  
7 just because of that fact alone, it's going to  
8 have to change. And again, I want to -- I do  
9 want to correct a couple of things that were  
10 said.

11 This does not -- this grouping in this  
12 map for Pitt county does not split any precincts  
13 at all in the chair's map.

14 And the other point that I want to  
15 speak to is Representative Richardson's comments  
16 about outcomes. I have not looked at any  
17 political data in drawing these maps, and so I  
18 do not know what the partisan outcome may be.

19 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others wishing  
20 recognition on the amendment. Seeing none,  
21 we'll move to a roll call vote. The clerk will  
22 call the roll.

23 THE CLERK: Adams.

24 REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: No.

25 THE CLERK: Brockman.

1 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Brockman signifies  
2 aye.

3 THE CLERK: Carney.

4 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.

6 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Dixon.

8 REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: No.

9 THE CLERK: Hardister.

10 REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: No.

11 THE CLERK: Harrison.

12 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Hastings.

14 REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: No.

15 THE CLERK: Hawkins.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Jones.

18 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: No.

19 THE CLERK: Mills.

20 REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: No.

21 THE CLERK: Reives.

22 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Rogers.

24 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: No.

25 THE CLERK: Szoka.

1 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: No.  
2 THE CLERK: Warren.  
3 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: No.  
4 THE CLERK: Zachary.  
5 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: No.  
6 THE CLERK: Richardson.  
7 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: A big aye.  
8 THE CLERK: Saine.  
9 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: No.  
10 THE CLERK: Torbett.  
11 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: No.  
12 THE CLERK: Bell.  
13 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: No.  
14 THE CLERK: Stevens.  
15 Hall.  
16 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.  
17 THE CLERK: 7 yes; 14 no.  
18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: In the opinion of the  
19 chair, and according to the vote, the amendment  
20 fails.  
21  
22 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON:  
23 Mr. Chairman, a point of order.  
24 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You're recognized for  
25 a point.

1           REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: In the  
2 interest of time, I think the last five votes  
3 have been 7 to -- 14 to 7. Can we short circuit  
4 this and say does anybody want to change their  
5 vote from the last five votes on the next  
6 amendment, speeding it up.

7           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
8 Richardson, while the chair certainly  
9 appreciates the notion behind the request, I'm  
10 going to honor Representative Reives' original  
11 request. And we only have two more to go so I  
12 think we can make it through, but I do  
13 appreciate it and thank the gentleman.

14           Next we will take up HBA Amend 2 which  
15 is Wake county. Who is the sponsor of this  
16 amendment?

17           Representative Reives, you are  
18 recognized.

19           REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: And thank you  
20 for honoring the ayes and nos request. I  
21 appreciate that.

22           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Yes, sir.

23           REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: And as to this  
24 amendment, like in the chair's map, it doesn't  
25 split any VTDs, doesn't double-bunk anybody.

1 The maps also have the same Reock compactness  
2 averages, but this amendment has a much better  
3 Polsby-Popper average, and so we feel it  
4 complies better in our compactness criteria, and  
5 therefore, based on that and based on the fact  
6 that we do a better job of not splitting any  
7 municipalities, like Rolesville, Morrisville,  
8 Fuquay-Varina, we'd ask that you support this  
9 amendment.

10 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

11 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 Members, the chair's map does a better  
14 job of keeping the smaller, more rural  
15 municipalities in Wake county intact instead of  
16 lumping them in with Raleigh. Examples are  
17 Fuquay-Varina, Apex, Wake Forest, Roseville, and  
18 Angier.

19 And so the other note that the chair  
20 would make, again, and I made this a few times,  
21 but I want to be clear. I had -- we had --  
22 there's a tab on our website for  
23 member-submitted maps, and I submitted a map,  
24 and I asked others, and I've announced this on  
25 the floor several times, get us a map if you

1 want to put it out. So none of these  
2 amendments, none other than my map, were put out  
3 as member-submitted maps for members of the  
4 public to be able to take a look at.

5 So again, as was the case for the other  
6 amendments, I would ask you to oppose this  
7 amendment.

8 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you. Those  
9 wishing recognition.

10 Representative Hawkins.

11 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Thank you.

12 And, you know, I want to make sure that  
13 the chairman hears that, you know, the time and  
14 the talent that went into drawing these is  
15 something that I'm just enamored with and so  
16 that's why I have sort of the questions that I  
17 do about sort of how you originated with some of  
18 these maps and sort of how you -- because  
19 Wake county is -- you know, it's the most  
20 populous county in the state so it's not an easy  
21 draw, and that was probably 50 percent of your  
22 time here while you were drawing.

23 But one of the things that I wanted to  
24 ask so that we can -- you know, especially for  
25 those who are in the committee just for their



1 pleasure and for those who are potentially  
2 watching at home, one of the questions, you  
3 know, for me is, you know, where did you start?  
4 And as a potential starting point, you know, did  
5 you look at and start with District 35? And so  
6 District 35 is sort of -- according, I guess --  
7 you know, I make sure that I would start with  
8 Durham, but then, you know, I sort of center  
9 everything else around that, but District 35 is  
10 southwest Wake county. And so did you start  
11 there, you know, with District 35 in the north  
12 and then 39 and 40 in the south before filling  
13 in the rest of the map? So walk us through how  
14 you built your -- your Wake county structure.

15 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
17 Representative Hawkins.

18 I know the gentleman's question is in  
19 good faith, but from my perspective, I sat in  
20 this room for three weeks, I made probably  
21 thousands -- or directed thousands of clicks on  
22 this map, and so to expect me to remember  
23 literally which one of these districts I started  
24 on in this map I don't believe is a fair  
25 question. And again, I'm not saying it's a

1 question that's in bad faith at all, but it is  
2 8:30, I've been in here for three weeks, but I  
3 will try to answer the gentleman's question.

4 When drawing a map like Wake county,  
5 it's typically easier to start somewhere on the  
6 outside than it is to sort of start in the  
7 beginning and going out. And the gentleman  
8 knows, you sat in here and drawn some of these  
9 maps as well. So if the gentleman goes back and  
10 looks at the instant replay of how I did it,  
11 he'll be able to see which one I started with.

12 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Follow-up,  
13 Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You are recognized for  
15 a follow-up, Representative Hawkins.

16 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: I didn't  
17 realize that was an option, but now I may take  
18 you up on that.

19 The follow-up question for me is, you  
20 know, the amendment that was given -- was put  
21 forth does split fewer municipalities than your  
22 map, Mr. Chairman, in all due respect. And so  
23 in particular, why is Morrisville split 50/50  
24 between two districts? Is there -- and I know,  
25 again, in broad strokes, you may not

1 remember -- well, in broad strokes, you may  
2 remember, but detail you may not, but that's a  
3 pretty broad question about a major municipality  
4 and why it was split in half between two  
5 districts.

6 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

7 CHAIRMAN HALL: Well, in large part, it  
8 is because of Adcock and Dahle's residences  
9 makes it very difficult to draw a map that  
10 doesn't do that.

11 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Thank you,  
12 Mr. Chairman. Follow-up.

13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You are recognized for  
14 a follow-up.

15 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: And so one of  
16 the things -- and I do, I think -- not to --  
17 again, with all due respect, you know, the  
18 amendment has a better compactness score. And  
19 again, you put a lot of work into yours, and so  
20 one of the -- that was put forth, but one of the  
21 questions is is that if you look at, you know,  
22 the VTDs and if you're looking here, you look at  
23 what -- this looks like -- almost like a red  
24 finger. And so, you know, why did you include  
25 that red finger VTD in District 45 instead of in

1 District 35? And so if you're, again, looking  
2 at the map here, you're looking at District,  
3 sort of, 35, which is southwest Wake county,  
4 sort of towards the bottom of Wake county, and  
5 if you're looking at the one that's sort of, you  
6 know, next to it, it sort of has a little bit of  
7 a red finger. And so I wanted to make sure that  
8 we sort of asked the question about sort of the  
9 red finger VTD that looks like that. And I'm  
10 just -- you know, that's something that we can  
11 all sort of look at and use as a common because  
12 the majority knows what a finger looks like, but  
13 thinking about sort of how you got to that  
14 process and why that was put there.

15 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Representative Hall.

16 CHAIRMAN HALL: Representative Hawkins,  
17 that is the shape of the VTDs, and my map does  
18 not split any VTDs in Wake county.

19 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Okay. Thank  
20 you, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Thank you,  
22 Representative Hawkins.

23 Any others wishing recognition? Seeing  
24 none, the clerk will call the roll.

25 THE CLERK: Adams.

1 REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: No.  
2 THE CLERK: Brockman.  
3 REPRESENTATIVE BROCKMAN: Aye.  
4 THE CLERK: Carney.  
5 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.  
6 THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.  
7 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.  
8 THE CLERK: Dixon.  
9 REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: No.  
10 THE CLERK: Hardister.  
11 REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: No.  
12 THE CLERK: Harrison.  
13 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Aye.  
14 THE CLERK: Hastings.  
15 REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: No.  
16 THE CLERK: Hawkins.  
17 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.  
18 THE CLERK: Jones.  
19 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: No.  
20 THE CLERK: Mills.  
21 REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: No.  
22 THE CLERK: Reives.  
23 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.  
24 THE CLERK: Rogers.  
25 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: No.

1 THE CLERK: Szoka.  
2 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: No.  
3 THE CLERK: Warren.  
4 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: No.  
5 THE CLERK: Zachary.  
6 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: No.  
7 THE CLERK: Richardson.  
8 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Aye.  
9 THE CLERK: Saine.  
10 CHAIRMAN SAINE: No.  
11 THE CLERK: Torbett.  
12 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: No.  
13 THE CLERK: Bell.  
14 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: No.  
15 THE CLERK: Stevens.  
16 Hall.  
17 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.  
18 THE CLERK: 7 yes; 14 no.  
19 CHAIRMAN SAINE: In the opinion of the  
20 chair and according to the vote, the amendment  
21 fails.  
22 The chairman is in possession of one  
23 last amendment which we attempted to take up  
24 earlier from Representative Reives. It's  
25 HBA Amend 1, and it's Mecklenburg county. We

1 were giving Chairman Hall a little bit of time  
2 to gather some information. We're back on that  
3 amendment.

4 Representative Hall, you're recognized.

5 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
6 Mr. Chairman.

7 And I want to speak to Representative  
8 Carney's question. And one of the reasons I  
9 wanted to get a copy of the map because I -- and  
10 I may have misunderstood the lady, but I thought  
11 I heard the lady say that we had two split  
12 precincts, and my recollection, off the top of  
13 my head, was we only had one split precinct in  
14 Wake county, so I wanted to get a copy of my  
15 map, and I've gotten that. I'm sorry.  
16 Mecklenburg county. And I've gotten that now,  
17 and I've confirmed that only one precinct is  
18 split in Mecklenburg county.

19 The other thing that I will note on  
20 this map is what I did here was essentially  
21 start with a version of the current map because  
22 the current version of Mecklenburg county, if  
23 folks will remember back in 2019, when we redrew  
24 these, was basically largely drawn by the  
25 Democratic members of the House in this

1 committee room. And, of course, you know, we  
2 were all in front of the computer, but at the  
3 time this was one that the Democrats really had  
4 a huge amount of input on. And so one thought  
5 in drawing it this way was, well, Democrats have  
6 had a bunch of input on that and nobody seemed  
7 interested in giving me any other input during  
8 this process, so I took the prior input into  
9 consideration in drawing this map, but it only  
10 splits one precinct, and therefore I would ask  
11 you to vote no on the amendment.

12 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
13 Hastings -- excuse me, Representative Hall.

14 Representative Hastings, your mic is  
15 on.

16 I apologize Representative Hall. Had  
17 you concluded your remarks?

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: I've concluded.

19 REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: I apologize.

20 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: No problem,  
21 Representative Hastings.

22 And the chair does apologize to the  
23 committee. We did find one more amendment, so  
24 we will have one more left in my stack of stuff,  
25 but those wishing recognition on the amendment.



1           Seeing none, we will move into a roll  
2 call vote. The clerk will call the roll.

3           THE CLERK: Adams.

4           REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: No.

5           THE CLERK: Brockman.

6           REPRESENTATIVE BROCKMAN: Aye.

7           THE CLERK: Carney.

8           REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.

9           THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.

10          REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.

11          THE CLERK: Dixon.

12          REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: No.

13          THE CLERK: Hardister.

14          REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: No.

15          THE CLERK: Harrison.

16          REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Aye.

17          THE CLERK: Hastings.

18          REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: No.

19          THE CLERK: Hawkins.

20          REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.

21          THE CLERK: Jones.

22          REPRESENTATIVE JONES: [Inaudible.]

23          THE CLERK: Mills.

24          REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: No.

25          THE CLERK: Reives.

1 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.  
2 THE CLERK: Rogers.  
3 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: No.  
4 THE CLERK: Szoka.  
5 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: No.  
6 THE CLERK: Warren.  
7 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: No.  
8 THE CLERK: Zachary.  
9 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: No.  
10 THE CLERK: Richardson.  
11 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Aye.  
12 THE CLERK: Saine.  
13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: No.  
14 THE CLERK: Torbett.  
15 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: No.  
16 THE CLERK: Bell.  
17 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: No.  
18 THE CLERK: Stevens.  
19 Hall.  
20 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.  
21 THE CLERK: 7 yes; 14 no.  
22 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: The amendment does  
23 fail.  
24 Last, unless someone produces something  
25 else, I believe we've got the last amendment.

1 It's HBV Amend 2, and it's Buncombe county. And  
2 who is the sponsor of that amendment?

3 Representative Reives, you're  
4 recognized.

5 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Thank you,  
6 Mr. Chair.

7 In this particular amendment, again, I  
8 understand there's been an attempt to stick to  
9 minimal changes, and I think on the chair's map  
10 on this particular district -- or set of  
11 districts, we do have a lot of changes. In both  
12 my map and the chair's map, we split Asheville  
13 and one smaller municipality in the county.  
14 Neither of us split any VTDs, nor double-bunk  
15 any incumbents.

16 I would ask that the committee support  
17 my amendment because this proposes a much more  
18 compact drawing of the three districts in  
19 Buncombe. Average Reock score of my amendments  
20 49 compared to 42. Difference with the  
21 Polsby-Popper is even greater with a 32 compared  
22 to 23. And because of the huge difference in  
23 compactness, I would ask the committee to  
24 support this amendment.

25 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

1           CHAIRMAN HALL: Members, in this  
2 particular map, Asheville -- we attempted to  
3 keep Asheville in as few districts as possible.  
4 The amendment essentially slices Asheville  
5 into -- as far as I can tell in just looking at  
6 this without any municipality overlay and,  
7 again, just seeing it last night, along with all  
8 the amendments before you and some other  
9 proposed amendments, it looks to me like what  
10 this does is equally splits Asheville. And I  
11 believe that it's better to try to keep  
12 Asheville in as few districts as possible, and  
13 so therefore I would ask you to oppose the  
14 amendment.

15           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Anyone seeking  
16 recognition? Representative Carney.

17           REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Thank you,  
18 Mr. Chairman.

19           And again, I'm going to point out to  
20 all the members in here and to the chair, I wish  
21 that the podium was back in the middle of the  
22 room because over here we have to turn to  
23 watch -- look at the people we're speaking to,  
24 so I apologize if my back or side is to you,  
25 Mr. Chairman.

1           So I just have a question about  
2 the -- obviously, when you look at the map, the  
3 chairman's map, Chairman Hall's map and then you  
4 look at the configuration of Representative  
5 Reives' map, there's a big, vast difference when  
6 you look at the compactness of it. I mean, it's  
7 blatant.

8           But I'm just curious that why -- well,  
9 the District 16 -- 116 and 117 are in very  
10 different shapes, and when you look at the map  
11 of Representative Reives, it's very -- it's a  
12 map that citizens can look at and it makes sense  
13 to them and it shows that it's compact, but we  
14 don't have that with the way you've drawn it.

15           Could you -- could you elaborate on why  
16 you chose 116 and 117 to draw them the way you  
17 did.

18           CHAIRMAN HALL: And I believe the  
19 numbers are different --

20           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall,  
21 you are recognized.

22           CHAIRMAN HALL: The numbers are  
23 different in my map, but, you know, essentially,  
24 the amendment splits -- again, splits Asheville.  
25 It looks to be sort of an equal -- in equal

1 spaces. And so what I tried to do is in this  
2 map try to put Asheville in two districts rather  
3 than trying to split it equally between the  
4 three districts to try to keep it as whole as we  
5 could, and that's the difference that you see.

6 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: And a  
7 follow-up.

8 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Carney.

9 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Thank you, and  
10 thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 In District 117, that district in the  
12 last court rulings in the last decade, it was  
13 ruled as unconstitutional. It looks very  
14 similar as far as partisan gerrymandering. If  
15 partisan gerrymandering was -- partisan, rather,  
16 data was not used, how did you arrive again to  
17 this shape of 117?

18 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

19 CHAIRMAN HALL: Again, I'm trying to  
20 put Asheville in as few districts as we could to  
21 try to keep Asheville as whole as we could.

22 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others wishing  
23 recognition? Seeing none, we will move into a  
24 roll call vote. The clerk will call the roll.

25 THE CLERK: Adams.

1 REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: No.  
2 THE CLERK: Brockman.  
3 REPRESENTATIVE BROCKMAN: Aye.  
4 THE CLERK: Carney.  
5 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Aye.  
6 THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.  
7 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: Aye.  
8 THE CLERK: Dixon.  
9 REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: No.  
10 THE CLERK: Hardister.  
11 REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: No.  
12 THE CLERK: Harrison.  
13 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Aye.  
14 THE CLERK: Hastings.  
15 REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: No.  
16 THE CLERK: Hawkins.  
17 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Aye.  
18 THE CLERK: Jones.  
19 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: No.  
20 THE CLERK: Mills.  
21 REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: No.  
22 THE CLERK: Reives.  
23 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: Aye.  
24 THE CLERK: Rogers.  
25 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: No.

1 THE CLERK: Szoka.  
2 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: No.  
3 THE CLERK: Warren.  
4 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: No.  
5 THE CLERK: Zachary.  
6 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: No.  
7 THE CLERK: Richardson.  
8 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Aye.  
9 THE CLERK: Saine.  
10 CHAIRMAN SAINE: No.  
11 THE CLERK: Torbett.  
12 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: No.  
13 THE CLERK: Bell.  
14 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: No.  
15 THE CLERK: Stevens.  
16 Hall.  
17 CHAIRMAN HALL: No.  
18 THE CLERK: 7 yes; 14 no.  
19 CHAIRMAN SAINE: And the amendment does  
20 fail.  
21 Back on the original proposal. Anyone  
22 seeking -- Representative Harrison and then  
23 Representative Hawkins.  
24 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you,  
25 Mr. Chair. I have a question for Chair Hall.



1 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You are recognized.

2 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you.

3 I'm -- we heard -- we heard a lot of  
4 comments from the public about the maps.

5 We -- I think there have been more than 4,000  
6 submitted online. I haven't had a chance to go  
7 through all of them, but I'm wondering if you  
8 all had a way to -- I've been trying to get  
9 through them, but there are a lot.

10 How did -- did you all have a way to  
11 organize those comments and to consider them in  
12 terms of the map drawing?

13 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

14 CHAIRMAN HALL: I don't know if I  
15 really understand the question. We were in the  
16 same committee room together listening to what  
17 folks were saying. We all had an opportunity to  
18 listen to that. The chair has directed -- as  
19 the chair of this committee, I've directed staff  
20 to regularly send out the public comments to  
21 everybody on the committee so we've all had time  
22 to read those.

23 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
24 Harrison.

25 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Follow-up. I

1 think my question was just more specifically how  
2 were you taking into account public input when  
3 you were drawing the maps, but that -- that's  
4 good.

5 I also wondered how -- so if you had  
6 criteria that were in conflict -- we had the  
7 list of criteria that we had adopted back in  
8 August. Was there -- I know that, if I recall,  
9 you declined to create a hierarchy, but how did  
10 you prioritize when they were in conflict, such  
11 as compactness versus splitting voter tabulation  
12 districts or splitting municipalities or  
13 incumbent protection.

14 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

15 CHAIRMAN HALL: I looked at it  
16 holistically and tried to comply with as much of  
17 the criteria as possible.

18 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: I appreciate  
19 that. I -- there are -- we heard a lot of  
20 comments from the public about the Princeton  
21 Gerrymandering Project and how it gave the House  
22 map and the Senate map and the proposed  
23 Congressional maps grades of F, but I appreciate  
24 that.

25 I'm mindful of the fact that if I

1 recall from some previous research that we spent  
2 \$11 million in taxpayer money on the past decade  
3 of redistricting litigation, so this drawing  
4 maps that are not going to pass court muster is  
5 expensive to the taxpayer, and I want us to be  
6 mindful that there's a way to do it and a way to  
7 do it right, and we thought we had proposed some  
8 good amendments that would have fixed some  
9 problematic areas. I just will -- those will be  
10 it for now. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you.

12 Representative Hawkins.

13 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Thank you,  
14 Mr. Chairman.

15 And hopefully I'm the last voice that  
16 you may hear. Hopefully it's one that's  
17 impactful and helps to inform decisions about  
18 how you want to improve these maps. I'm glad to  
19 be that person for you, glad to be that  
20 colleague for you.

21 But one of the things that I want to  
22 talk about is the PCS, and so that should be  
23 fresh in your mind because we just got that last  
24 night and it was, you know, sort of proposed  
25 today, so we should be able to sort of discuss

1 that with a clear mind and potentially some  
2 detail.

3 You know, one thing about Durham is  
4 that it has not sort of gone through -- I think  
5 what I've heard quite a bit is that, you know,  
6 some of these areas have gone through  
7 litigation. Durham sort of -- and now this new  
8 grouping of Durham and Person have not for  
9 whatever reason. I guess I'm glad for it.

10 But one of the things that I sort of,  
11 you know, wanted to sort of dig into the detail  
12 just a little bit on is the fact that if, you  
13 know, you're looking at sort of this breakdown  
14 of how the maps and the individual VTDs were  
15 broken down, one thing I guess for the -- sort  
16 of the pleasure of the group is could you walk  
17 through -- you know, sort of what does it mean  
18 when it says VTD and then has all these little  
19 numbers by it? Is that something that you can  
20 sort of explain? Because not only are we, you  
21 know, trying to make better maps, but we're also  
22 trying to inform the greater public about sort  
23 of how this is going because I think that that's  
24 just worth, to me, a little bit of detail  
25 because then it sort of sets up another question

1 about some reasoning and how you wanted to  
2 construct VTDs in some of those areas.

3 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

4 CHAIRMAN HALL: VTD is a voter  
5 tabulation district. And some of the numbers  
6 that you might see when you're looking at these  
7 maps are the census data for folks who live in  
8 that particular VTD.

9 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Yep. And so  
10 that -- follow-up, Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You're recognized.

12 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: And so, you  
13 know, one of the things that we see as you go  
14 through this -- thank you for that clarification  
15 for the public -- is that as you go through VTD  
16 and you're started to looking at VTD 32, VTD 37,  
17 VTD 44, VTD 45, you get to a place like VTD 30-2  
18 which in this grouping and the way that it was  
19 drawn seems pretty intentional. And so, you  
20 know, I'm pretty familiar with this grouping,  
21 and so it does sort of beg the detail of the  
22 question about after that, you're right. So  
23 many different individual census blocks were  
24 chosen to sort of build out the rest of this  
25 grouping alongside the Person county.

1           And so again, we just got these, they  
2           were just PCS last night so they, you know,  
3           should be fresh detail because those decisions  
4           should have just been made. Is there a reason  
5           that we decided to go into that individual  
6           precinct and pick those individual, you know,  
7           census blocks in that VTD? Because, you know,  
8           again, that sets up my follow-up, Mr. Chairman.

9           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

10          CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you, and I'll try  
11          to answer the gentleman's question.

12          Because there was no amendment on this  
13          particular grouping, I don't have a map -- a  
14          layered map that shows which VTDs the  
15          gentleman's talking about, but what I can say is  
16          that the -- that part of Durham, as you get down  
17          into the bottom of District 51 on the chair's  
18          map, the precincts or the VTDs are very large in  
19          number, and when you get down there it becomes  
20          very difficult to try to keep your populations  
21          correct.

22          And so some of the comment that we  
23          heard through public comment was the changes in  
24          deviations or the discrepancies in deviations,  
25          and one of the things that I did today is I went

1 in and tried to equalize those deviations. And  
2 I can tell you, at least as to the change today,  
3 that was the purpose of doing that was to change  
4 those deviations.

5 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Follow-up,  
6 Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You are recognized for  
8 a follow-up, Representative Hawkins.

9 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: And related  
10 to -- and I'm pretty sure we'll get into some of  
11 this tomorrow, too, but, you know, for that side  
12 of town, you know, that sort of VTD, we have  
13 30-2 and then VTD 32. And so the detail that  
14 I'm following are -- you know, it's not  
15 necessarily overlaid in a map, but it is  
16 outlined in the PCS. And so not only does it do  
17 every VTD that's in a district that also gives  
18 all the census blocks that are associated, and  
19 so we don't necessarily need the overlay to  
20 answer these questions.

21 But, you know, can you also talk about  
22 sort of what you think -- and I know as we have  
23 gone through a lot of this, we have talked about  
24 communities of interest and we talk about sort  
25 of making sure that areas are compact and that,

1 of course, voters understand who their  
2 representative is and people that have things in  
3 common. Can you talk about what you think those  
4 people in this side of Durham in VTD 32 have in  
5 common with the people in Person county in the  
6 remainder of the grouping.

7 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

8 CHAIRMAN HALL: Part of the problem,  
9 Representative Hawkins, is, you know, the  
10 grouping of Person and Durham counties. The  
11 gentleman probably agrees that Person and  
12 Durham, they don't really have a whole lot in  
13 common, but unfortunately, or depending on how  
14 you look at it, the Supreme Court has said  
15 there's a way to do groupings. And I think  
16 everybody agrees this is the optimal county  
17 grouping for Durham county, Durham and Person.

18 Obviously, you've got to include a good  
19 chunk of Durham to get enough population into  
20 Person. So what I tried to do is to create a  
21 district that, as best I could, was compact and  
22 complied with our criteria, and I think that's  
23 what we've done.

24 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you. Any others  
25 seeking recognition.



1                   Representatives Harrison.

2                   REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you,  
3 Mr. Chair.

4                   I just wanted to raise a couple  
5 questions about the Voting Rights Act. I  
6 reviewed Stephenson in advance of today. I'm  
7 going to review Gingles tonight again, but  
8 Stephenson, from my perspective, mandates that  
9 we would draw the Voting Rights Act districts  
10 prior to drawing the rest of the plan, so I'm  
11 trying to figure out how -- how did you ensure  
12 VRA compliance.

13                   CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative Hall.

14                   CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Chairman.

16                   And the lady is correct as to what  
17 Stephenson says, but the rest of that story is  
18 there was a case called Covington versus  
19 North Carolina that was from 2016, and in that  
20 case the court found there was not sufficient  
21 evidence of legally significant racially  
22 polarized voting in North Carolina. And so  
23 since that time, we have operated under the  
24 draws that we've done under a race-blind  
25 approach. That has been successful in court,

1 and so we're going to continue with that.

2 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Follow-up.  
3 Sorry.

4 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
5 Harrison, you are recognized.

6 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: Thank you.  
7 And I remember Covington because I  
8 believe my district was one of the 28 that were  
9 race -- considered racially gerrymandered that  
10 the legislature had to redraw, and they found  
11 them unconstitutional, the districts  
12 unconstitutional racial gerrymanders. I'm just  
13 reading some facts here, unconstitutional racial  
14 gerrymanders, those 28 districts, and they  
15 acknowledge that there were two reports before  
16 the legislature indicating that there was  
17 statistically significant racially polarized  
18 voting in the state.

19 So I will just like -- I disagree with  
20 y'all's perspective on this. I think that this  
21 is a very big problem for us, and we're reminded  
22 of it through communications from the very first  
23 day of public comments that we heard back in  
24 August. So I just -- I think this is a big  
25 problem for us, and I just -- I think we need a

1 racially polarized voting analysis. I think  
2 that in order to comply with Stephenson and the  
3 federal Voting Rights Act, excuse me, we need to  
4 be mindful of this problem. And I'll stop  
5 there. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Any others seeking  
7 recognition.

8 Representative Richardson from Webex.  
9 Representative Richardson, we don't have your  
10 audio. If you'll unmute your mic.

11 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Thank you,  
12 Mr. Chairman, and I'll be very brief.

13 I just want to raise two points. In  
14 listening to us tonight and in watching us  
15 tonight, somebody asked a very pointed question,  
16 all we pay attention to is what the public  
17 hearing citizens demanded of us and requested of  
18 us.

19 And the second observation has to do  
20 with this process is virtually impossible to do  
21 and to do fairly if you don't listen to what the  
22 people are telling us to do. And let's go back  
23 to that. We heard time and time and time again  
24 that we need to have an impartial committee.  
25 And I know it takes a constitutional amendment,

1 but that's real simple to overcome and that is  
2 you can add legislative approval to the  
3 recommendation, but we need to have an impartial  
4 committee that -- commission that does this and  
5 we vote on it and approve it.

6 But the bottom line is we're not going  
7 to be a good body, we're not going to do what we  
8 need to do unless we have very competitive  
9 districts to draw out the best in all of us, in  
10 the ones that are elected. It just is essential  
11 that we go back to as many competitive districts  
12 as we possibly can have and then we let the  
13 people draw these lines. We're just not going  
14 to get anywhere. This is -- this process is  
15 impossible. A good man like Representative  
16 Hall, it's just so hard to do. You just -- you  
17 know, and follow all these guidelines and these  
18 theorems and these theories and what -- you  
19 know, and these precincts.

20 Let's just draw competitive districts,  
21 let the people draw competitive districts and  
22 let's move on. That's what we should do.  
23 That's what they want us to do. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Thank you.

25 Representative Carney.

1           REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: Thank you,  
2 Mr. Chairman.

3           And to that point I just wanted to  
4 share with the members that I looked up, and  
5 since 2003, when I came to this legislature,  
6 there have been 39 -- 39 independent  
7 redistricting commission bills filed. 39. I  
8 just wanted you to know that. And that's -- the  
9 public has been weighing in all the years I have  
10 been up here and we still haven't done it.

11           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Representative  
12 Hawkins.

13           REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: To speak to  
14 the bill.

15           CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You are recognized.

16           REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: Thank you.

17           I just want to sort of talk about the  
18 fact that before we sort of go into votes on  
19 this fairly soon, the remainder of the body, you  
20 know, that democracy just depends on what we do.  
21 And so the people -- the ten and a half people  
22 that call the great state of North Carolina home  
23 sort of depend on the 120 of us, and those  
24 specifically on this committee, to make sure  
25 that we're making the best decisions possible so

1 that they can have faith in the systems that we  
2 put forth, in the elections process, democracy,  
3 and so the way that they will be governed are  
4 potentially for the next decade and sort of how  
5 they will have relationship with the people who  
6 represent them, right. And so many want to make  
7 sure that they have a pretty decent hand in  
8 that, and so one of the ways, of course, we can  
9 always do that is by having fair maps, making  
10 sure that something is pretty, you know, dear to  
11 me and I know dear to all of you who give of  
12 your time and your talent to come to Raleigh is  
13 that people have faith in -- faith in these  
14 processes, but most importantly that they know  
15 who their representatives are; that we keep  
16 communities of interest whole so that when  
17 voters are making decisions and having  
18 conversations that we're talking about some of  
19 the same things. And so if a city, municipality  
20 is split in half or if an area is sort of placed  
21 in -- you know, awkwardly in a district that it  
22 doesn't have anything in common with, that sort  
23 of hurts the way that people understand and are  
24 able to connect to the important work that we  
25 do.

1           And so that goes down to making sure  
2           that we lessen the amount of split VTDs, which I  
3           know has been a goal; that compactness is  
4           something that -- as we look back and make final  
5           decisions is something that's absolutely  
6           paramount because, again, you know, many of us  
7           get a chance to dig into the details, like the  
8           chairman and I have just here today, by looking  
9           at and actually understanding what a VTD is and  
10          what a census block is, but so many people  
11          don't. They look at the actual map and they do  
12          the eye test, right. They make sure that they  
13          understand that, well, it looks like I should be  
14          in this area and it looks like, you know, myself  
15          and my neighbors should be able to vote for this  
16          same person, and when they can't do that, it  
17          puts us all in jeopardy.

18                 And again, I want to commend the 120  
19          members who come up here every single day. Some  
20          people come here for three or four hours away,  
21          some people come from 30 minutes, some people  
22          come from ten, but you give up your life, your  
23          talent and being able to do something else  
24          because you believe -- you know, was it  
25          Esse Quam Videri, that we are -- you know, we

1 are to be rather than we are to seem, and so we  
2 want to make sure that we're doing all the  
3 things that put us in the best possible light of  
4 the people because, again, we don't spend time  
5 here until 8:00 or 9:00 just for our health. We  
6 do it because we love this state, and so we have  
7 to make sure that we are being rather than  
8 seeming. And so I just want to leave this  
9 committee with this tonight, and I hope that  
10 when we have this discussion tomorrow it will be  
11 fruitful. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: Any others seeking  
13 recognition. Seeing none, I believe  
14 Representative Torbett has a motion.

15 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: Thank you,  
16 Mr. Chairman. My motion is that the House  
17 Committee on Redistricting report favorably to  
18 House Bill 976 as amended wrote into a new PCS  
19 with H976-ABA-31 controlling for Chatham, Lee,  
20 Moore, Randolph, and Richmond counties and leave  
21 the committee for staff to alter the short title  
22 to reflect the new resulting map.

23 CHAIRMAN SAINÉ: You have heard the  
24 motion, and the clerk will call the roll.

25 THE CLERK: Adams.



1 REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS: Aye.  
2 THE CLERK: Brockman.  
3 REPRESENTATIVE BROCKMAN: No.  
4 THE CLERK: Carney.  
5 REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY: No.  
6 THE CLERK: Cooper-Suggs.  
7 REPRESENTATIVE COOPER-SUGGS: No.  
8 THE CLERK: Dixon.  
9 REPRESENTATIVE DIXON: Aye.  
10 THE CLERK: Hardister.  
11 REPRESENTATIVE HARDISTER: Aye.  
12 THE CLERK: Harrison.  
13 REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON: No.  
14 THE CLERK: Hastings.  
15 REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS: Aye.  
16 THE CLERK: Hawkins.  
17 REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS: No.  
18 THE CLERK: Jones.  
19 REPRESENTATIVE JONES: Aye.  
20 THE CLERK: Mills.  
21 REPRESENTATIVE MILLS: Aye.  
22 THE CLERK: Reives.  
23 REPRESENTATIVE REIVES: No.  
24 THE CLERK: Rogers.  
25 REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Szoka.  
2 REPRESENTATIVE SZOKA: Aye.  
3 THE CLERK: Warren.  
4 REPRESENTATIVE WARREN: Aye.  
5 THE CLERK: Zachary.  
6 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: Yes.  
7 THE CLERK: Richardson.  
8 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: A regretful  
9 no.  
10 THE CLERK: Saine.  
11 CHAIRMAN SAINE: Aye.  
12 THE CLERK: Torbett.  
13 REPRESENTATIVE TORBETT: Aye.  
14 THE CLERK: Bell.  
15 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Aye.  
16 THE CLERK: Stevens.  
17 Hall.  
18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Aye.  
19 THE CLERK: 14 yes; 7 no.  
20 CHAIRMAN SAINE: The ayes have it. The  
21 motion passes.  
22 With no other business being before the  
23 committee, we stand adjourned.  
24 (Transcription from YouTube ended at  
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