

Assembly
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 56TH SESSION

MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 1971; ROOM 222 5:30 p.m..

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: Mary Frazzini, VICE CHAIRMAN: Frank Young, Nick Lauri, Ross Prince, Juanita White, Darrell Dreyer.

Chairman Frazzini called the meeting to order at the hour of 5:30 p.m.

The committee had discussion on BDR 52-1697, no action taken on the aforementioned.

The committee then discussed AB 564; Amends provisions of election law. Mr. Young suggested hearings be set on AB 564 and AB 426; this was agreed upon by the committee and the testimony date was set for Friday, March 12, 1971 at the hour of 8:00 a.m. in room 222. The secretary was instructed to send notices to the people who wish to testify.

Mr. Young spoke to the committee about re-apportionment. "As you know Dr. Hess will be here next Wed. ., we will be having a meeting in the Ways and Means room next Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m., that will be a joint meeting with Senate Government Affairs. Where we will have a chance to hear from Dr. Hess and our computer people on his assessment of our progress at that point.

Mr. Young explained to the committee about the percentage charts presented by Art Palmer. Mr. Young stated that he and Mr. Dreyer had met with Fred Duggar of Central Data Processing, he has resolved and is continuing to resolve the problems with the data. One of the biggest problems they have is that they have 3 census districts in Clark County of 5,000 people each, where when the enumeration districts were set up in something like 66' or 67' they anticipated there would only be 800 and by the time '70 came along it was 5,000. So the census workers had to break it down into break it down into sub-districts A B C D & E, but there is no map available, readily, and we have the numbers for A B C D & E, but we don't know within that big district what portion of that geography is A or what portion is B. Mrs. Frazzini stated that they were given special maps they placed on cardboard and they were to draw those in exactly so that census district has that, and they would not be accepted, no crew leader was to accept anything like that without that map. Mr. Young, now, I have gotten in touch with some of the census workers in the South and they say "yes" we just may have some at home, we can't really take such maps from the workers we have to take it from the census bureau itself. So that's one of the problems with the census data. I might digress for just a moment, Art Palmer has tried to find out from the U. S. Supreme Court Clerk when we might have an answer on the Indiana case the word come back through our contact, which was the Washington Office of Counsel of State Governments, the word is by them no help. In our process of checking out the computer code, program and data, Fred is learning some things. One of the things he is learning is that the more pieces you try to break the pie up into, the greater disparity you have between each of the pieces.

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Mr. Young illustrated to the committee the problem on a piece of paper. Then the committee went over the percentage chart regarding the number of seats.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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