

Minutes of April 13, 1971

PRESENT: Chairman, Mary Frazzini, Vice-Chairman, Frank Young, Nick Lauri Marge Foote, Juanita White, Ross Prince and Darrell Dreyer

OTHERS

PRESENT: Art Palmer and Perry Burnett, Legislative Counsel Bureau; Fred Duggar, Data Processing Center; Lawrence Jacobsen, Speaker of the Assembly

The meeting was convened by Vice-Chairman, Frank Young, to go over the maps prepared by Art Palmer and Fred Duggar for presentation with the skeleton bill on the 40-20 proposed reapportionment bill.

Mr. Young's first question was "Do we want to introduce a map that has that much a disparity"?. (This is the map which leaves Washoe County intact). If the committee did not want to go with this particular map, as run by the computer, then Mr. Duggar would have to run a new Washoe County map, before the 20-40 plan could be introduced.

The Washoe County map was examined by the committee members - the one that kept Washoe County whole along with two other plans. The disparity in keeping the county whole goes up 1.1%. Mr. Young felt, for this small percentage, they should keep Washoe County whole. Mr. Palmer remarked that part of the problem was generated from the perimeter enumeration districts around Carson City, which can be allocated to either Lyon or Douglas Counties. They are very large numbers and nothing much can be done about this, unless you grab one and then some very small numbers to equalize the situation.

Motion was made by Nick Lauri to include the map that kept Washoe County whole as part of the skeleton bill. The motion was seconded by Mary Frazzini and carried.

The various maps were to be produced and numbered by Mr. Palmer's office in such a way that the skeleton bills could refer to them. These maps will also bear a B.D.R. number for further reference to the skeleton bills. Mr. Palmer briefly discussed the Senate districts which his office had come up with in these maps. These districts seemed to meet with the committee's acceptance.

In discussing Mr. Duggar's map, relative to Clark County, Mr. Young remarked that the disparity on the final map did not come up to plus and minus seven but about half of that amount.

The rough draft of the skeleton bill was again referred to by Mr. Burnett. 218.030 will be included as section 1, to provide for the changes made in the commissioners. (Bill that has been enrolled) All matters relating to guidelines for the Senatorial Districts will be eliminated by virtue of the determination made in the morning meeting. All that will be shown will be Sub-section (1) Sub-section (3) will become Sub-section (2) and will be cut off right after the word drawing.

Section 218.050, for the purpose of this skeleton bill, shows the distribution of the legislators in the three areas, Washoe, Clark and the remaining enumerative counties; and 218.055, Clark County Senatorial Districts, 218.060, Clark County Assembly Districts and 218.080, Washoe and Storey County Legislative districts will be amended as indicated on the draft.

The other proposed changes in the skeleton bill indicated on the draft were briefly reviewed. Section 3 (New section) would read: "The following numbers of Senators and Assemblymen are hereby apportioned to the legislative districts created by this act or composed of respectively" and then add: "Clark County, eleven Senators and 22 Assemblymen: Washoe County, five Senators and ten Assemblymen and Churchill (enumerate them all) four Senators and 8 Assemblymen." Then the bill would refer to the present sections which provide, "Clark County is hereby divided into 11 Senatorial districts, comprised of" (then refer to language to be used in reference to maps). Mr. Burnett remarked that this is where the language should be as general as possible, which is to be worked out. It will include the wording "Senators shall be elected from within the district in which he resides, by qualified electors of that district".

Further reference was made to Assembly districts which should state that "Each Assemblyman shall be elected from within the district wherein he resides by the registered voters (changed from qualified electors) residing in that district." The language in the bill will refer to the maps - saying in essence Clark County will be as indicated on Map No. etc.

This skeleton bill on the 40-20 plan will be introduced on Wednesday and the computer will be working on the 44-22 plan tonight. The Washoe County maps are ready for the 44-22 plan and also the Assembly maps. Mr. Young referred to the latest map that Mr. Palmer has on the 44-22 plan and believed, that since they were going with the map that keeps Washoe County whole on the 40-20 plan, they should continue to do this on the 44-22 map. The only change that might be made would be to include the Wadsworth area in with Lyon, possibly including Nixon township. One of the advantages of perhaps showing that Wadsworth could be in another district in the 44 plan, would be indicating that there are other alternatives available, when this bill and plan is introduced. The rural county maps for the 44-22 plan are ready and Mrs. White and Mr. Duggar still need to go over the Henderson problem on both the 40 and 44 plan, before introduction.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m .