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MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairman James I. Gibson, at 3:05 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 1981, in Room 243 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman
Senator Jean Ford, Vice Chairman
Senator Keith Ashworth
Senator Gene Echols
Senator Virgil Getto
Senator James Kosinski
Senator Sue Wagner

STAFF MEMBER PRESENT:

Anne L. Lage, Committee Secretary

CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT:

Chairman Gibson stated the reason for this meeting was to discuss the possibility of reconsidering the committee's action on Congressional reapportionment.

Senator Kosinski testified that he had voted "No" on both proposals on May 25, 1981. At that time he was not prepared to make up his mind, even though the committee had made their decision.

He stated that he was still concerned about the cost for campaigning in two statewide districts, not for himself personally, but for the candidate.

Senator Kosinski stated that he felt Senator K. Ashworth had summed up the arguments for the east/west districts best when Senator Ashworth stated this type of districting would require the two Congressmen to represent the entire state including the agricultural, mining and gaming interests. He also had considered the difficulty for a Congressman to maintain an office in North Las Vegas and Moapa to represent the 60,000 people in that area along with an office in the Reno area.

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Senator Kosinski stated that for those arguments he had made up his mind to support the east/west district.

Senator K. Ashworth moved to reconsider the action whereby the committee had supported the north/south districts.

Senator Kosinski seconded the motion.

The motion carried. (Senators Getto and Wagner voted "No".)

Senator Echols stated that he was convinced that the north/south districts would be more resonable for the people of the state of Nevada.

Senator K. Ashworth moved that the state be divided for Congressional districts with a vertical line into east/west districts.

Senator Ford seconded the motion.

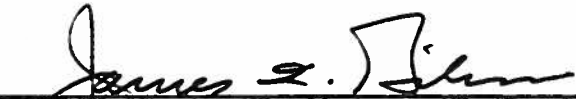
The motion carried. (Senators Echols, Getto and Wagner voted "No".)

As there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Anne L. Lage, Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman

DATE: June 22, 1981