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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A letter dated August 20th, 2021.

Dear Secretary Anderson - Included -- enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2021-143, filed in my Office on August 20th, 2021, by the Legislative Leaders, calling for a Special Session of the 102nd General Assembly. The Special Session shall convene beginning August 31st, 2021, at the State Capitol Building in Springfield, Illinois, at 12 o'clock p.m. A notice and accompanying Proclamation have been mailed today to each Member's Office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The Senate of the 102nd General Assembly is convened in its First Special Session. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted in the 102nd General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 102nd General Assembly, including any Special Session. There are two organizational resolutions that will be adopted today. These resolutions inform the House that the Senate is ready to conduct business and create a Senate Committee of three to approve Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 1, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Holmes moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in

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favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Holmes, now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 2, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Holmes moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Holmes now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-1(e), I move that Senators Bush, Collins, Crowe, Harris, Jones, Van Pelt, Villivalam, Stewart and Wilcox be allowed to participate and vote remotely for today's Special Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senators Bush, Collins, Crowe, Harris, Jones, Stewart, Van Pelt, Villivalam and Wilcox be allowed to participate and vote remotely for the August 31st, Special Session Day pursuant to Senate Rule 4-1(e). All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. The motion carries, and Senators Bush, Collins, Crowe, Harris, Jones, Stewart, Van Pelt, Villivalam and Wilcox are allowed to participate and vote remotely

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for the August 31st, Special Session Day. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate stand in recess for the purpose of a Senate Democratic Caucus. The Senate Democrats will caucus virtually for approximately one hour upon recess. In the President's Office. Ope! Virtually -- virtually. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The Senate shall recess to the call of the Chair for the purpose of a virtual Democratic Caucus. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The First Special Session will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by President Harmon. It is substantive, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House, by Mr. Hollman, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 927.

Together with the following amendment which is attached, in

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the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 927.

Passed the House, as amended, August 31st, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Will the Members of Assignments Committee, please report to the Anteroom, immediately? Members of the Assignments Committee, please report to the Anteroom. Senator Hunter in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HUNTER)

Leader Lightford back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 3 and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 927.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The Senate will come to order. Will our Members please be at their desks for final action? Ladies and Gentlemen, please come to the Senate Floor. On the Order of Supplemental Calendar is the Order of Secretary's Desk Concurrences. This is final action. Members, please come to the Senate Floor. Special Session 1, Senate Bill 927, on the Order of Concurrences. President Harmon. Member -- he indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 927.

Signed by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move to concur in the House Amendments to Senate Bill 927. As amended, Senate Bill 927 amends the General Assembly Redistricting Act of 2021 by drawing the legislative and representative district boundaries using the United States Census Bureau's 2020 PL 94-171 population data. The bill contains county, tract, precinct, and block descriptions for all 59 Senate and 118 House districts. Now, in establishing boundaries for Illinois legislative and representative districts, the following redistricting priorities and principles were taken into account. First, each of the districts contained in the 2021 General Assembly redistricting plan was drawn to be substantially equal in population. Second, each of the districts contained in the 2021 General Assembly redistricting plan was drawn to be consistent with the United States Constitution. Third, each of the districts contained in the 2021 General Assembly redistricting plan was drawn to be consistent with the federal -- federal Voting Rights Act, where applicable. Fourth, each of the districts contained in the 2021 General Assembly redistricting plan was drawn to be compact and contiguous, as required by the Illinois Constitution. And finally, fifth, each of the districts contained in the 2021 General Assembly redistricting plan was drawn to be consistent with the Illinois Voting Rights Act of 2011, where applicable. Now, as a

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reminder, the General Assembly passed House Bill 2777 on May 28, 2021. That redistricting plan was signed into law by the Governor as Public Act 102-0010, and became effective on June 4, 2021. Now, some of us said at the time, that when the census numbers finally came out, we would evaluate the districts and return to make any necessary adjustments. The census population data was finally delivered on August 12, 2021. The population data released by the Census Bureau showed that the total resident population of Illinois was twelve million, eight hundred and twelve, five hundred and eight people, as of the 2020 census. A decrease of just eighteen thousand one hundred and twenty-four people, or 0.14 percent, from the 2010 census. Now, when you dig into the population data, it shows that fifteen Illinois counties grew in population since the 2010 census. Cook County had the State's largest population growth, with an additional eighty thousand, eight hundred and sixty-six people. These fifteen counties, in total, grew by a -- a total population of one hundred and fifty-nine-thousand, two hundred and fifty-three since the 2010 census. Most of this growth took place in Cook and the collar counties. The Census Bureau's population data showed that eighty-seven Illinois counties lost population since the 2010 census. Together those counties lost a total population of a hundred and seventy-seven thousand, three hundred and seventy-seven since the 2010 census. Much of this population loss happened in downstate Illinois. Let's discuss, for just a moment, the basics of the map. In general, the districts design look very similar to the maps enacted in June. Any noticeable departures are based on population shifts, for example, the population in downstate districts was further enhanced by the census numbers. The maximum -- the total target population for

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each senate district is two hundred and seventeen thousand, one hundred and sixty-one based on the 2020 census data. The maximum population deviation, based on census numbers, is 0.37 percent or seven hundred and ninety-nine people. What this means is, that based on the census numbers from April 2020, one district has four hundred and nine more people than the district -- in that district than the target population. And, on the other end, one district has three hundred and ninety fewer people than the target population. Ten districts have a deviation in the single districts, like the one additional person in Legislative District 14. And thirty-five districts have a population that is off by fewer than one hundred people. For example, the Legislative District 56 has a population that is just eighty-three people above the target population. With that, I'd open up to any questions that Members may have. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates that he will yield. Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. President, first some questions, maybe for the record, if we may? How many elections held under the 2011 maps, in districts with citizen voting age populations below fifty percent, actually elected Latino Members of the House or Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)



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President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I don't have that election data here with me on the Floor, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

If we could look at District 24, could you provide a rationale for not drawing District 24 with at least fifty percent Latino voting age population?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, could you clarify? Are you asking about Senate District 24, or Representative District 24?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Representative District 24.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I -- I'm -- I'm afraid we've been very much focused on the legislative districts. We don't have data on the House districts. You can certainly take that up with a Member of the House who might have better information.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Barickman.

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SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you for that. Did you try and draw more Latino districts with a voting age -- with a VAP of at least fifty percent or higher?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

We tried to make sure that the legislative maps in their totality reflected the diversity within the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Were you able -- were you ever able to draw a map with a greater number of Latino districts with a VAP of fifty percent or higher?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, you have -- you have seen the maps that were adopted in -- in May and you've seen the maps before us today. Those are the maps that we have drawn and presented.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I understand that response, but the question suggests that the map that is being voted on, at this moment, may not have been the only map that you considered before we came to this point. And so, again, my question is, did -- were you ever able to draw a map with a greater number of Latino districts with a VAP of fifty

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percent or higher?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Again, I'm -- I'm not sure that I -- I can answer your question. We -- we have presented now two sets of maps the -- the set of maps in -- in May and -- and the set of maps before us today. I think those are the maps that stand for the work that we did.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Let me ask it this way, why have you not proposed a plan that draws even a greater number of Latino districts with a VAP of fifty percent or higher?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. We have presented a map that reflects the diversity of the State of Illinois, and fairly reflects the communities of interest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

We're here again, seems we're having a bit of a Groundhog

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Day, at least for the public around the State who's watching what has been characterized as a charade unfold, yet, again. And I really found myself grasping to explain to my constituents, and the people who are watching this, what exactly is occurring. The bottom line here is that there's simply no...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bush, please mute your phone, please. Continue Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I think there's simply no words to describe the sham for which this process has been. And, the most shameful part of it, is watching the many friends that I have on the other side of the aisle who know it. There's not a person that's been involved in this process who hasn't seen it to be exactly what it is. Now, one of the most intriguing questions, I think, that exists for all of you on the other side of the aisle is, what are you afraid of? What are you afraid of? If -- if you believe that your solutions to our State's problems are so compelling, then why shouldn't your constituents be given a choice in their election? Because putting forward maps like these, take away the choices that our constituents, and ultimately the voters, have. It's time that the majority quit hiding behind a map that insulates you from the public and results in a complete lack of accountability to the people for whom you're supposed to represent. I think it's important to know why we're here at this late hour, at this time of year. And all we have to do is go back to the spring, and maybe even into the statements that many of you made, including the Governor, leading up to the spring. Many of you proclaimed your support for an independent redistricting commission. Many of you,

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of my colleagues, and our Governor, said that you supported an independent process. And then we watched, not Republicans, Illinoisans, as you abandoned that promise in pursuit of your partisan power. You pivoted, some call it a flip flop, and said that you were no longer supporting an independent commission, but instead creating this new ambiguous standard for which you declared was called a fair map. And, we listened, as many of you went around the State promising to Illinoisans that you would only put forth a fair map that represented the diversity of this State and allowed for the people of this State to be represented in their government. We cautioned, as did almost every outside group around the State, that the process that you were using was going to be flawed, fatally flawed, and shouldn't be considered. I listened on the Senate Floor, as you promised not to worry, the process was fine, the data is fine, trust us, you said, we're going to produce a fair map. We all saw the press releases. Now, you don't have to listen to just me, to tell you how ridiculous and unfair the map was that you put in place. Let's just look at some of the groups that are out there who've cast their own judgement. The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund is the nation's leading Latino civil rights law organization. Their view that the supposed fair map that you all passed, using inaccurate and outdated ACS data, is unconstitutionally malapportioned, so says MALDEF. MALDEF went on to analyze the map that you passed. They found that the overall variance from an ideal population for Senate districts was off 20.3 percent and for the House was off nearly thirty percent. Three times the legal standard, how's that for a fair map? MALDEF says, your map results in the unconstitutional dilution of some votes and the augmentation of others, violating

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the one person, one vote standard. This is why MALDEF says we warned you against the use of ACS data. We listened to all of you say how important it was that we look to the constitution, that we follow the constitution. Well, what now do you say to those constituents of you -- yours, for whom you have violated their equal protection rights, their rights under the federal and state Voting Rights Act, their rights to one person, one vote? Your unfair map disenfranchises your constituents. So, that's why we're here. Your map was unfair, and everyone knew it would be. That's why we all told you not to proceed in that way. Now, the constitution now says, that as a result of your unconstitutional map that is void on its face, that a bipartisan redistricting commission now controls this process. You now say you no longer want to follow the constitution. Some of you go as far to say, well, you don't like what the constitution says. Of course, we've never seen your proposal to change it. Oh no, that's right, we did. We joined you in a proposal to change it. Only, you abandoned that proposal in the year when it actually mattered. Now, to the people of this great State, who have watched this shameful exercise unfold in a manner that defies absolute logic, I just want to speak to you, all of our constituents. You've been given nothing more than lip service by the majority party, proclaiming to want to listen to you in a process that lacks transparency and provides for no ability for the public to even have a say. You've all heard the stories of the hearings that were conducted in a very rapid manner over the past few days. Hearings that lasted less than twenty minutes in the Senate, less than ten minutes in the House. A web portal that I constantly listen to my friends on the other side of the aisle say, Illinoisans, submit your ideas, submit your

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maps, oh, by the way, our portal doesn't work. You held hearings where you didn't even show up to them, where Republicans were the only participants that were there. And, what happened at those hearings, for those who did testify? Groups like the NCSL, the National Conference of State Legislatures, who showed up and said there's only three states who even tried to draw maps as quickly as you. Well, two others, Illinois being one of the three. And we asked NCSL, okay what -- what is happening around the country, now that the actual U.S. census data is out? And NCSL says, well, everyone's starting their redistricting process. This was last week, we said, oh, is any state in the country contemplating the adoption of legislative maps as early as August 31st? The representative from NCSL, she chuckled, no way. No way, because it's impossible to do. It's why, in the hearings, you didn't hear testimony from groups like MALDEF, because they know that if they're going to create a map that actually represents your constituents, it's going to take some time for them to do it in a manner that satisfies the constitutional rights that each Illinoisan deserves and has. And again, you don't just have to listen to us on the Republican side of the aisle telling you this, just listen to some of those groups for whom you've appeared at, you told them you want their support, you've asked them to help you in your elections. Group like -- groups like Common Cause Illinois. Common Cause Illinois boycotted, their words, Common Cause Illinois boycotted the redistricting committees because they said it was, yet again, another example of how mishandled and undemocratic the redistricting process has been in Illinois. Jay Young from Common Cause, his quote, "This latest, last-minute hearing provides almost no notice to the public. The new maps

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have been released less than a day before lawmakers vote on them. It's shameful, and our organization refuses to add any legitimacy to such an undemocratic process." They went on, "At each opportunity in this redistricting process, it's as if lawmakers went out of their way to ensure the creation of these maps had as little public input as possible. Rejecting an independent bipartisan redistricting commission, politicians chose to draw maps themselves. As a result, the maps will not be crafted of public input, but of pure politics." I listened to the House debate -- I'm the first speaker here, after the sponsor. I listened to the House debate and I heard many of -- many of our Democratic colleagues in the House who defended this process, which is shameful. I hope that some of you on the other side of the aisle will see this for what it is. I know this is a tough vote for you. It's a tough vote for you because, for some of you, in your heart, you know the right decision is to stand up to your political leaders and say that this is bogus and you've had enough and that you're going to do the right thing. I hope some of you will have the courage to do that and not disappoint, not just us, but the people who are relying on you to get this vote right. You alone -- you alone have an opportunity to define your legislative career as a person that stands up for the people of this State, not for the political leaders for whom the public bemoans. I've stood on this Floor and taken tough votes. I know what it's like when those in your own party look at you and sometimes say, why couldn't you stick with the party? And as I look across to my friends on the other side of the aisle, the many of you who said we need more bipartisan {sic} in this State, we need more of us working together to solve our State's problems, we need more



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civility in this legislative process, we need to play our part, as leaders in this State, to bring people together, I ask of you, are you willing to stand up now? Here's your shot to show your independence to the people of this State. I hope you'll take it. I'd urge a No vote on this. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Seeing no further discussion, President Harmon to -- oh, a late light -- oh, two late lights. Come on, three late lights. Okay, come on. Okay. Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Question of the sponsor, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Thank you. So, I -- I'm a Member of the Redistricting Committee. I've sat through countless meetings involving people from across the political spectrum, involving people from across the State. I know a lot of people in the room have -- have experienced these. So, a -- a few questions on items that have been raised repeatedly in these committee hearings. I know we've championed or -- or some people in this room have championed in the media and championed in their public statements about this -- this public portal. And every time I've inquired on this issue, I receive nonanswers. Haven't gotten answers from the House Chair, Senate Chair or anyone, so, I hope I can get some answers tonight. Mr. President, the -- the online portal to submit maps, how many public maps were submitted through that portal and posted on line?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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The sponsor indicates he will yield, President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. And to the -- to the -- Senator, thank you for your question. I don't know if you checked with the prior speaker on the countless meetings and the people from across the spectrum who participated in those hearings. You guys might want to compare notes and see if you can get your story straight. On the public portal we have -- we had how many maps have been submitted? So, every -- every map that we received through the public portal has been posted. So, you could jump on that portal and count them, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Well, that's actually not true because you can't even sign up on the portal, as we stand here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I'm -- I'm consulting with the frequently asked questions department here. Apparently, if you go to the ILGA website and to the redistricting committee section, there is a link there that would allow you to access the portal and the maps.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

I -- I appreciate that, but that's not the portal that you've been advertising and communicating in all these hearings about. I am talking about the portal on the Illinois Senate Redistricting

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website, that -- that portal. As we stand here today, can a voter in the State of Illinois, go to that website, login on that portal and submit a map?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

We believe so. And, when they submit that map, it is then posted to the General Assembly's Redistricting Committee site for public review.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Well, for the record, we've tried numerous times today. Members of the public have tried numerous times today. I'm looking at messages on my phone, right now, from people who have tried to log on, and you -- you said you believe that they can. I'm -- I'm telling you, they cannot. So, the publicly available, accessible portal is not publicly available, it's not accessible. And, so instead of dodging, like I've experienced through all these committee hearings, I would like to know, I think the people of the State would like to know, how many maps have been submitted by the good government groups, by all the interested parties, through the Illinois Senate Redistricting Website portal? How many complete maps have been submitted and posted?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. So, Senator, I'm -- again I'm checking with the tech support department here. I'm

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told there's a help button that you can click and navigate your way through that. Also, we had accepted maps regardless of how they were submitted. People who used Dave's redistricting website could submit maps and we posted everything on the General Assembly's Redistricting Committee website, regardless of the channel through which they were submitted. So, you could go to the General Assembly website and see all the maps that were submitted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

I don't find any of this funny. I know folks on the other side of the aisle apparently think this is funny. But, I've sat through these hearings, I've watched diligent, sincere Illinoisans lied to by their elected officials, I've seen them misled by their elected officials. We just experienced a committee hearing for the public where the doors were locked to the public and they couldn't get in. And -- and, maybe this is funny. Maybe, some people in this room are so arrogant in their power, so condescending to the people of Illinois, that they think that this basic fundamental cornerstone of our democracy is an afterthought, it's a punchline. It's not a punchline. So, I'm going to take the answer that zero maps were submitted through this portal, but we can move on from that. Until today -- until today, could someone tell me what data was used for folks that wanted to go there and draw the communities of interest?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Thank you, Senator. I do want to be clear. No one here thinks it's funny. I think what is funny is anyone asking me questions about making the computers work right. I am ill-suited to give you an adequate answer on that. I also want to refute your suggestion that zero maps were suggested or submitted. Many maps were submitted through various channels and they are all posted for public review. Initially, we used the ACS data on the portal, just as we did in the construction of the maps. As soon as the census data was available, we made that available on the portal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

My -- my question was in regards to the drawing of the communities of interest. The data used for that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, I don't believe that there is any data for communities of interest. I think the community of interest -- you -- you use the census data to construct what you believe to be a community of interest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

So, the census data that was used for the communities of interest, what year was that from?

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, the entirety of the maps before us today are based

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on the United States Census Bureau's 2020 PL 94-171 population data. I'm not sure I understand the question, if it's -- if that answer isn't sufficient.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President -- Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

So, the Illinois Redistricting website -- Senate Redistricting website used 2010 census data for the communities of interest, until this blatant error was pointed out, by me, in the committee hearing last night. And, magically, today, it got changed to the 2010 {sic} census data. And so, I know that the person who's answering the questions apparently, you know, can't answer the IT questions. But, how are people supposed to draw accurate communities of interest, when they're given faulty data by the website you keep pointing them to?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, I am assured that the legend on that screen referencing 2010 was an error that was corrected, but the underlying data was always the appropriate 2020 data.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

To the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. To the bill.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

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The egregious errors from this map process going -- going all the way back to the spring, they -- they prove one of two things. Either the majority party has been grossly incompetent throughout this process, and I think the questioning today shows a lot of errors, acknowledged errors, or the majority party actively used -- actively and knowingly used faulty data, the wrong data to draw maps and -- and -- and misrepresent our communities, not -- not my -- my community, not Republican communities, everyone's community. This process has been shocking, it's been insulting, there -- there has been no transparency. At -- at -- at times I've had to question the psychology of -- of -- of people that can sit there looking sincere, just people that care, good government people that just care, in the eyes, who are asking them questions, who just really want to be part of the process, who don't care about labels and titles or geography, they just want good government, and look them in the eye and tell them things they know to be inaccurate. To send them on these wild goosechases to committee hearings with locked doors. I mean the -- the -- the -- the emails and the phone calls we've received from people who have tried to login and they don't receive the emails, they don't receive the links. It's either incompetence or intentional. I don't know which one you want to claim. But this has been a horrible process. It smacks of arrogance. And, you know, here we are tonight, the sham has been exposed. To every single witness that's appeared before these committees and have taken the time to try to draw maps with bad data, they've tried, spent hours logging in and trying to get through a portal that is never going to work for them, I apologize to those people, because this isn't the way government supposed to run. You know, I -- I believe that our system of government is

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based upon people choosing other people from their community to come to Springfield, Illinois, and represent them. And that's not what you apparently believe in on the other side of the aisle. You apparently believe that you can go behind doors, lie to people, go behind the doors, draw these noodle-shaped districts and pick the people that you think should fall in these lines. It's not about the voters, it's about the career politicians. It's not about doing the right thing for your community -- no one can look at this map -- no one can look at this map and say, yeah, that looks reasonable. No one can sit through these hearings and say, you know what, we're treating these people with respect, we're treating these people with decency, we're opening our arms to these constituents and trying to work with them. The proper course of action is to remove the politicians, remove the Democrats, remove the Republicans, get them out of the way. We need a bipartisan commission. We should have a bipartisan commission that can draw a map that takes care of the people of Illinois. Our State's a national laughing stock. Illinoisans are cynical. And, I cannot think of a single thing that I've experienced in my life, that I've witnessed in my short time in Springfield, that could make people any more cynical than this process. I have seen elected officials mock witnesses. I have seen elected officials attack witnesses. I have seen elected officials lie to the people that they're supposed to be representing, just to empower themselves. Deep down inside, every soul in this room knows this is a flawed process. You know it's an inappropriate process. But, the desire to sit in these cushy chairs and fly above the everyday problems that the average Illinoisans face, is apparently more important than principle. It's more important than doing the right thing.



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This part -- this State is operated by a majority party that has shown time and time again, in this case more than any, it's built, and it operates to the benefit of a small number of people. To the detriment of all the hard-working people of this State, this has been a shameless process. It's been a sham. I encourage a No vote. And I deeply and sincerely apologize to the people of Illinois and the witnesses that took the time, that they have to live under a State government that treats them with such a level of disdain. I find it completely shocking. And I urge a No vote.  
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Further discussion? Senator McClure, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCLURE:

Will the sponsor yield, Madam President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. President Harmon, the first question I've got is, I just got word that we did not get -- we're waiting until 9:13 tonight to get the actual files that this map was based on and the House actually voted on this without having those files. So, I guess, what's the explanation for that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, I have no idea what you're talking about.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McClure.

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SENATOR McCLURE:

I think that says a lot. Mr. President, for the map that was passed before the June 30th constitutional deadline, you told us it was a fair map that represents the diversity of our State, that lives up to our pledge to represent all Illinoisans. So why on earth are we all voting on a new map to totally overturn that map today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, as I said in my opening statement, the districts are very similar, in fact, to the districts that we passed in May. We are, as promised, using the recently released census data to ensure that the districts, going forward, are substantially equal in population.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

So, Mr. President, one of the things that you also proclaimed before June 30th, was that we had an obligation -- an obligation, we could not get around our constitutional obligation to pass a map before June 30th. So, I guess it's kind of obvious, it's August 31st. So, why are we voting on another map today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, as you said in both questions, we passed a map before June 30th, living up to our constitutional obligation. I don't know how complying with our

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constitutional obligation before June 30th is related, in any way, to the odd circumstance we find ourselves in today, with the much delayed census data recently reported, and us making sure that the fair districts we enacted in May are substantially equal in population.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

So, I guess my question, because of the issues that we all had with the census, all this was made clear to all of us, did you ask for an extension from the courts?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, we complied with our constitutional obligation as written in the appropriate form.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

I guess I missed the part of the constitution that said you were supposed to vote on a map every 2 months. I thought it was once every ten years, but I guess I was misreading the constitution. I'll speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. You know, one of the interesting things that I've found in this building is -- is the fact that people on both sides of the aisle, and I really mean this

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sincerely, truly do care about what the people believe and think and they want to listen to them and all of us meet with our constituents. And, I don't think that people got into office to ignore the citizens of our State. And, I think people want to do what's right, on most things. But, I'd -- I'd say that the most upsetting part for me, after having witnessed what happened with the -- the committees involved in this process, was on May 28th, when we had -- we had some of those witnesses they spent so much time, so much time, looking over what data that they had. I mean, they had little notice for some of these hearings, and for some of them, that hearing was just, I mean, they rearranged their entire schedules. And, you know, one of the witnesses started crying at the last -- on the May 28th hearing. And this was -- we're going to vote on the map just in a couple of hours or whatever it was, and, I just thought, my gosh, what are we doing right now? And, the -- the final witness that testified on that day, I just asked -- and she was the one -- she's always got -- and she was on these most recent hearings again, incredible PowerPoint presentations, extremely intelligent, just wants to stick up for what's right and to protect communities of interest in this State. And I asked her, what do you need? What do you need from us right now, so that you can properly analyze the map and properly give your recommendations that you can be proud of and you could be sure of? She said two weeks -- two weeks. I don't believe that that's a reasonable request, it was made on May 28th, obviously, the deadline was June 30th. She couldn't get two weeks -- just two -- not -- didn't have to promise her anything, didn't have to say we're going to take your suggestions or take your new map, right? Just give her the chance to present her -- her findings in two

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weeks. No! We had an absolute constitutional deadline. This is the fairest map you've ever seen. We did everything that we could, and, yet, on August 31st, well past that two-week mark, we're voting again on a new map. And by the admission of the map drafters, it was not a fair map. Because if it was a fair map, we wouldn't be here right now, folks. Not just was it unfair, it's unconstitutionally unfair, historically unfair, terribly unfair. And we're here again on an arbitrary deadline, on August 31st. I mean, what's -- what is the point if we don't -- if we don't listen to the people that need to be listened to in this State, what are we doing in this building right now? And I -- I sincerely mean this, I mean, what are we doing right now? And, you know, it's just -- it's, you know, going into the process we got the hint early on. I mean we wanted -- we wanted to be a part of this process and we hoped to be involved and -- and many of the committees that all of us sit on are truly bi-partisan and there is the give and take. This was not these types of hearings. We got it. The press got that as well. But, the citizens, until the very end, never got it. And, I really fear that many people that did want to get involved in government, and did want to make a difference, are going -- are going to drop out of the process now, and that's exactly what this building should not be doing. And so, that's upsetting to me, it really truly is. With that being said, you know, I look forward to saving this speech because I don't know, maybe the third map will be voted on next month, maybe the fourth map a month after that, because, apparently, we can do whatever we want, whenever we want, if there is a super majority of one party. This does not make me proud. This makes me very upset. And, we're better than this as a State, and a lot of

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wonderful people in this building on both sides of the aisle, truly wonderful people, who want to make a difference. And you know something, this is shameful, we're all better than this, you're better than this, all of you are better than this, we -- we all are. We can work together, we could do this right, but we didn't do that. And the people that are going to suffer the most are these communities that wanted to have their voices heard. Two weeks, you couldn't give them, to have their voices heard. And, yet, two months later, you have a new map that we're voting on, yet again. I think that speaks for itself. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Further discussion? Senator Bailey, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BAILEY:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BAILEY:

You know, I come here and expectantly appreciate and enjoy representing people and standing up for the needs of the people of Illinois. And it's interesting that the salaries that are represented here are about ten thousand dollars higher than the average salary of the average citizen in Illinois. We're called into Session at 12:30 here today, and here it is almost -- it's 10 o'clock, we've accomplished absolutely nothing. I mean, I think this is an embarrassment, and I -- and I hope the press accurately relays to the people of Illinois what took place here today. This -- this is -- this is disgusting. This process is a politically motivated process to put your desires over hard-working families

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of this State. You are picking your voters, whereas, the people should be picking who they want to represent them, and you're not allowing that. So, I -- I -- I don't get it. I really don't get it. This entire year has been an absolute disaster. So, press, I implore you to do your job and -- and get this message out to the people of Illinois. I think the people of Illinois will soon wake up because they are sick and tired of these lies and these games.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McConchie, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Madam President. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senate President Harmon. Just one question: Is there any criteria under which you foresee that we would be back here voting on maps again? Whether, as has been suggested a moment ago, in a couple of months, or in a couple of years, perhaps after the next election cycle. What is the criteria, because in -- in my memory I don't recall us ever changing maps in between a, you know, more than once during a ten-year period?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. And thank you, Senator, or perhaps I should address you as plaintiff. I would say that we are in a once in a lifetime situation, I hope. Where the census

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data was delayed. That's all that I can say to that question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Leader McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the motion, Leader.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Madam President. Yeah, we're in that situation, however, the interesting thing is -- is that you made the point, very clearly, when we passed the last map, that you aren't required to use census data, when you justified using ASC data as -- in drawing the first time. Ladies and Gentlemen, and here -- here we go again, this spring we joined dozens of witnesses in begging for you to wait on the real census data to draw an accurate map that would actually, as you like to put it, reflect the diversity of Illinois. We didn't expect you to necessarily listen to Republicans, but we did think that you would at least heed the wishes of your own constituents, your own groups that identify with you. The majority's total deference for taking responsibility for your proactive choices is astounding. I've watched for the many months, as you have ignored the testimony of many good government groups, minority organizations, telling you that your secret process was hurting their voting rights in their communities. And they were proved right. Instead of validating their legitimate fears and concerns, you gave generic responses about a diverse map that actually goes against everything that they told you that they need. Of course, the numbers backed it up. At the end of the day, the maps in the Senate were off by



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nearly twenty percentage points. The numbers in the House districts were off by nearly thirty percentage points, three times the constitutionally allowed amount. And some would say that was gross incompetence, I think those words were used here a few minutes ago, but we know what it is. This is a group of people who were elected to represent their neighbors, their friends, their communities, and instead abandoned the needs of those communities to achieve power at all costs. I must say that I am ashamed and embarrassed of the way that the Legislative Redistricting Committees treated conscientious citizens who stood up and tried to fight for their communities. The story of what you've done over the last six months may not make it into the ears and minds of every Illinoisan, but I hope that you never forget what you did to the people of this State in your quest for control. I hope that you remember that you had the opportunity to do something different with a bipartisan commission, with even an independent commission, that you supposedly supported in the past. But instead, you decided that keeping your power was more important than keeping and protecting the voting rights of people in Illinois. I hope that Governor Pritzker rights your wrong with a veto of this politician-drawn map. But, unfortunately, given recent history, I'm not confident of that. Because this Democrat majority continues to prove over and over again that you care more about your personal power than you do about the people you represent. This is a sad day for the fight for voting rights in America and even sadder day for the people of Illinois. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Seeing no further discussion, President

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Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would be remiss if I did not thank the numerous organizations, community groups and individuals who provided feedback and, in some cases, submitted draft maps of their own. While the map before us today may not be an identical copy of those proposal, it does incorporate many of their suggestions and ideas. We heard you. We learned from you. For instance, the Illinois Muslim Coalition brought to light that our friends in the Muslim community are as diverse as our State, but many of them are counted by the Census Bureau as white. The Muslim Coalition submitted area maps, and I'm happy to say that some of their suggestions were incorporated into this map, including consolidating more of Springfield and Champaign-Urbana in one Senate district. Now, the Minority Floor Leader spent some time quoting from recent legal pleadings. I -- I know that you know that Senator McConchie has sued me over our redistricting efforts. And, in the complaint, I noted that you have reported that you have thousands of computer-generated plans. We've never seen any of your plans. We've never seen any maps produced by the Minority party. Where are those maps? Did you go to court asking for an extension of the June 30th deadline? Did you round up busloads of witnesses to go to redistricting hearings? What have you been doing? Redistricting is a complex puzzle. Moving a line from here to there has ripple effects that go well beyond the districts where the line is drawn. As we have learned that with the many other complex, complicated issues we navigate in this Body, it is impossible to give everybody everything they want. But that does not take away from the quality

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of work we accomplish. Often, it enhances it. Which I believe is the case here, as we worked to strike a balance between many competing issues and interests. I believe, when I presented the maps in May, I reminded folks that I got my start as a redistricting advocate, trying to restore my hometown of Oak Park into a single Senate district. Two decades later, I'm still trying. And this map does not put all of Oak Park back into one Senate district. I think that's a pretty good indication of just how complicated this process is, and how many competing interests we must balance. These are good, fair maps that represent the diversity of the State of Illinois, and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 927. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Senator Bush votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bush votes Yes. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Senator Collins votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Yes. Crowe. Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Crowe votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Crowe votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Senator Harris votes Yes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Senator Jones votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Jones votes Yes. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Stewart votes No. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Villivalam votes Yes. Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Senator Wilcox votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox votes No. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 40 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 927 and the bill is considered passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, please turn your attention to Secretary's Desk, Resolution. Secretary's Desk, Resolution. Senate Resolution No. 3, the Leader -- President indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon, on your resolution.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 3, it is the companion redistricting resolution. It describes in narrative form the legislative districts that we just adopted in map form. They are similar to the resolutions we adopted in May, but updated to reflect the changes in the underlying maps. Happy to answer any questions you might have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. For discussion? Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. I have a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. This year was, once again, in a lifetime opportunity for Illinois legislators to provide real institutional change. We had the chance to give the people of Illinois an open and transparent process for free and fair maps and elections. And the Majority wasted that opportunity. Instead, we're back here today, with more of the same old story. Same -- the same politician gerrymandering, the same sham hearings, and the same dismissiveness of the people we were elected to serve. This

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resolution is incorporated into the bill, this resolution that was incorporated into this bill, is to give the legal justification as to why maps or districts were drawn the way that they were drawn. So, Mr. President, I have a few questions for you. According to the resolution, I'll give you three examples, according to the resolution, my district was drawn the way it was because Northern Illinois University and DeKalb were previously paired with the LaSalle-Peru, Illinois Valley Area in the legislative map in 1982, thirty years ago. Mr. President, do you feel that this district was a fair and honest process to draw this district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. I would hope, Senator, that the district you represent is fair and reflects the local communities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Mr. -- Mr. President -- Mr. President, Senate District 49, the proposed district includes -- this -- this district was drawn because the proposed district includes a large amount of farmland throughout the region. The farmland in the district contains similar hydraulic soils because of the flood plain patterns along the Mississippi. Estimated arsenic concentration and the glacial aquifer system heat map matches with the district location. Mr. President, why are we drawing a map based on soil and heat maps?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, are you reading from the description of Senate District 49 or Senate District 47?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Senate District 47.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. It's my understanding that soil type and flood issues are very important in agricultural communities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. And -- and my last question, this is for Senate District 36. The proposed district is home to three historic, private colleges in Knox College, in Galesburg; Monmouth College, in Monmouth; and Augustana College, in Rock Island. Two of these Schools, Knox and Monmouth, have met on the gridiron over one thousand times since 1881, making their annual competition for the Bronze Turkey a storied rivalry game in college football. Mr. President, do you feel that this district was drawn in a fair and honest process?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. If I could, in anyway, describe to you

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just how important it was the one time we won the Bronze Turkey, I would -- I could inform you and just, in fact, how important those three colleges are and that rivalry along Route 34 is a storied part of Western Illinois. And, as the colleges increasingly become partners in the academic world, recognizing their -- their partnership in the local economy and culture are critically important.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

To the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I mean, I gave you three examples, true examples, of how Senate districts were drawn in these maps. I know that they sounded ridiculous, but that is true, I was reading from the resolution. But the point that I'm making is, that the communities that have testified and spent literally hundreds of hours to -- to gather the data, to show you that their communities need to be fairly represented, have not been represented. But, instead, we're going to -- drawing districts according to where three colleges are and -- and the talks of a gridiron competition. Another district is drawn according to geological maps, heat maps, and soil composition. I mean, I think that this is just an example of how ridiculous these maps were drawn, and clearly are not reflective of the people who have sat and tried to participate in this hearing. Today, the majority party has failed this Body with these maps, they failed the Voting Rights Act, and they have failed



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the people of Illinois. I ask for a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Seeing no further discussion, President Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, thank you for that entertaining selection from the resolutions. I enjoyed reliving the Knox/Monmouth rivalry. Senator Hunter and I share that bond. But, I do want to point out that, you cherry picked a few odd passages from much lengthier descriptions of each district. The resolution, itself, is over a hundred and forty pages, at 59 senate districts, that's two to three pages per district. And the commonalities in important relationships within those districts are described in the resolution. It's fun to pull out things like Knox versus Monmouth as something that's relevant. But I don't know about all of you, but the high school football games in the district, those local rivalries, that defines a community. That's a critical component in what our neighborhoods and our -- our districts are like. So, it's fun, but it's -- it's not at all genuine. And, so, I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The question is, shall Senate Resolution 3 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Senator Bush. Have all voted who wish? Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Senator Bush votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Bush votes Yes. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

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Senator Collins votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Yes. Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Crowe votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Crowe votes Yes. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Senator Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Senator Jones votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Jones votes Yes. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes No. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes. Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Senator Wilcox votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox votes No. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 40 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Resolution No. 3, having received the required constitutional majority, is considered adopted. The First Special Session stands in recess to

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the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Special Session will come to Order. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Resolutions from the House. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 1.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 1)

Adopted by the House August 31st, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 1, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Hunter moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 1. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant

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to House Joint Resolution 1, the First Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned to the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.