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APPEARANCES:

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House Members present:

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Chris Murphy, Chairman

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Wallace "Jay" Jordan

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Justin Bamberg

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Neal Collins

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Patricia Henegan

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Beth Bernstein

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Jason Elliot

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Weston Newton

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Other representatives:

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John Richard King

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Elizabeth Wetmore

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William Wheeler

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Cezar McKnight

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William Bailey

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Bruce Bryant

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Russell Fry

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Max Hyde

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Jeffrey Johnson

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Mandy Kimmons

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John McCravy

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Brandon Newton

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Seth Rose

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2 Micajah Caskey
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6 Staff Present:

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2 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: The time is approximately 12 after
3 12. We were waiting on a couple of members that
4 had gone to lunch, but they should be walking in
5 any second. My name is Chris Murphy. I'm the
6 chairman of the Judiciary Committee. First off,
7 I want to thank all the members of the committee
8 for being here today. We've got some very
9 important work task of redistricting the state --
10 House districts. Want to thank all members --
11 House members for participating in the process.
12 You know that there have been big changes in our
13 population since 2010. The map room has been
14 open to House members on October 4th, and just
15 about every single elected official took
16 advantage of the opportunity to provide his or
17 her output. Before we go any further, I want to
18 thank Chairman Jordan, Jay Jordan on my left, and
19 the other members of the committee for their hard
20 work on the ad hoc committee. That would be
21 Representative Pat Henegan, Representative Beth
22 Bernstein, Representative Weston Newton,
23 Representative Neal Collins, Representative
24 Justin Bamberg, and Representative Jason Elliott.
25 They traveled thousands of miles all over the

1 state holding public hearings. In fact, I think
2 it was 11 of them, 11 public hearings. They
3 committed -- completed a draft working plan on
4 schedule, they voted a favorable report of that
5 plan out this morning. So what our purpose here
6 now is to consider the draft plan, hear testimony
7 from any of the members, and consider the
8 amendments to the working draft plan that have
9 been filed. I will let the members of the
10 committee know that there have been eight
11 amendments filed. What we plan to do is take
12 them up in order and the first one will be
13 Representative Jay Jordan's comprehensive
14 amendment. He'll explain that. We'll then open
15 it up for questions regarding that amendment.
16 We'll then take into consideration that
17 amendment, vote it up, vote it down. We'll then
18 go to the second amendment and I'd like to do
19 that, go through the amendments that we have so
20 that we get around to discussing the plan as
21 amended, we know what we're talking about and I
22 think that just will help move things forward. So
23 first off, the first thing we need to do is we
24 need to adopt the ad hoc committee plan.
25 Entertain a motion. Representative Jordan asked

1 for a favorable or adoption of the ad hoc
2 committee. Roll call is required. Go -- go
3 ahead, Representative King.

4 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And
5 can you tell me if we adopt the plan, what affect
6 does that have prior to doing any amendments?-

7 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Well, we have to adopt the
8 plan because then we're going to work of amending
9 the plan.

10 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Okay.

11 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: So we have to have the plan
12 first.

13 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Thank you. I just wanted some
14 clarification.

15 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Yes, sir. All those in favor
16 of adopting the redistricting ad hoc committee's
17 working plan signify by saying "aye."

18 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

19 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All those opposed. The ayes
20 have it. So at this time, I'm going to rep --
21 recognize Representative Jordan to discuss the
22 first amendment to the ad hoc plan.

23 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: Thank you, Chairman Murphy.
24 Let me also say it's been a privilege to chair
25 this ad hoc redistricting committee. Also, as

1 you did, want to thank the other members of the
2 committee, my colleagues: Representative
3 Henegan, Representative Bernstein, Representative
4 Newton, Representative Elliott, Representative
5 Bamberg, and Representative Collins. These
6 members as -- as well as the very, very hard
7 working staff that have been working on this
8 issue, have dedicated, as you said, Mr. Chairman,
9 many hours and thousands of miles of travel
10 across the state in pursuit of our goal,
11 critically important goal, the development of a
12 proposed plan to redraw the district lines; and
13 again, as you said, Mr. Chairman, in light of the
14 population changes that we've seen in South
15 Carolina since 2010. As for these last few
16 months, I can -- I think a sincere thank you is
17 in order for each person that assisted in that
18 process, in this legislative process. I can tell
19 you after several months of work, we've had 11
20 public hearings, we've received and reviewed
21 multiple map submissions; and then on last --
22 last week, last Monday, November 8th, as we all
23 know, we posted a working draft plan and from
24 there we received testimony on that working draft
25 plan on November the 10th. I believe the ad hoc

1 committee, little over four, perhaps four and a
2 half hours, in that November 10th hearing to hear
3 public testimony. And then, of course, we
4 adopted the published plan as our working draft
5 plan at that meeting back on November 10th, and
6 then that allowed members to further assess the
7 proposed revisions and then allowed us to receive
8 additional public testimony and other information
9 through our House redistricting website. I know
10 all of you have -- I know everyone, as the
11 Chairman said, has been in the map room and
12 participated in this process. So I'm not telling
13 you anything you don't know and you -- but I know
14 you can appreciate that this have been a
15 extremely difficult task. There is no one change
16 that doesn't ripple across the map and impact the
17 other districts and lines. The 124 House seats
18 are to be apportioned among the inhabitants of
19 our state in districts that should ideally be
20 41,278 people. Our legislative districts must
21 provide for equal voting rights: One person, one
22 vote. This is our constitutional mandate and our
23 guiding principle of law. This is in, of course,
24 conjunction with what we've also considered as
25 important social, cultural, historical context of

1 our communities. The working plan the
2 redistricting ad hoc committee recommends to you
3 we believe is a necessary first step in achieving
4 our fundamental constitutional goal of equality
5 in voting, and of course, is in accordance with
6 the guidelines and criteria adopted for this
7 cycle in that we have before you the foundation
8 on which to build and of course, as I've
9 referenced many times, starts with United States
10 Constitution, then our constitution here in South
11 Carolina, and of course Federal and State law.
12 We have worked, I can tell you, diligently to
13 make districts contiguous and compact from the
14 lines as they were approved by the Department of
15 Justice and the Federal State Courts back in
16 2011. We heard from citizens, we heard from
17 interest groups throughout the state, and in our
18 effort to fairly and reasonably consider
19 communities of interest, and of course incumbency
20 in addition to all that criteria I just
21 mentioned. We realize incumbency is a polarizing
22 as a guideline, and I want to specifically note
23 that consideration of incumbency has been a
24 principle we consider historically in South
25 Carolina, and the Federal courts have not only

1 acknowledged this principle, but observed it as a
2 noteworthy consideration. As noted already, I
3 understand there are several amendments to be
4 presented here today; however, as I said just an
5 hour and a half ago, I guess, to the ad hoc
6 committee as we concluded earlier today, the
7 Judiciary Committee, as we sit here, needs a
8 starting point; and we believe the ad hoc
9 committee has provided just that: A working plan
10 on which to start. I do want to thank all the
11 members that took time, and I'm going to talk a
12 little more about that in just a second through
13 the first amendment, to come to the map room, not
14 just in beginning of the process, but also this
15 last week in order to help us work through some
16 necessary changes. So Mr. Chairman, that
17 concludes sort of my update as to where we are,
18 and with that I can move forward with my proposed
19 amendment if appropriate.

20 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Chairman Jordan's
21 going to talk about the first amendment which is
22 basically a comprehensive amendment. If you
23 notice, around here we've got four tables that we
24 can see. There's TV's, there's two TV's behind
25 us that the audience can see, and then on the

1 sides, in sight over there, that is a map of the
2 comprehensive changes. I understand that it's
3 hard to see. Unfortunately we are constrained by
4 the technology in here for the public to know
5 that the full Judiciary, the entire fifth floor
6 is undergoing a major renovation, and we are sort
7 constrained in what we can do down here that we
8 normally would do in full Judiciary. But
9 Representative Jordan is going to explain the
10 changes that are contained in this amendment off
11 of the working draft plan. So at this time, I'll
12 recognize Representative Jordan. Go ahead.

13 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Do we have a print copy of this?
14 Honestly, I really cannot see that far.

15 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: We -- there is no print copy,
16 but if it is adopted, Representative King, it'll
17 be uploaded onto the redistricting website, and
18 you'll be able to zoom in on it and everything
19 else. There weren't many changes, and he's going
20 to explain the changes. And if you want -- I saw
21 Representative Wetmore. If you want to move a
22 little bit closer, you can.

23 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I
24 referenced a moment ago and as we hoped and
25 expected last week, at the conclusion of our

1 public hearing and the draft plan at that point
2 became a working plan, House members took the
3 opportunity to have further input into the
4 communities they represent and take into account
5 their constituents, this amendment -- and I'll go
6 through it more specifically in just a second,
7 but this amendment is what I would say makes
8 minor changes to the lines that do not adversely
9 impact neighboring districts or cause surrounding
10 districts to be outside of the two-and-a-half
11 percent deviations. So these are amendment --
12 this -- and let me further clarify as well: We
13 could have done this, I suppose, I think I'm
14 looking at six -- five different changes on the
15 map. For time sake, because these are all have
16 in common that -- what I just described as not
17 adversely impacting neighboring districts and
18 keeping everyone in deviation, for time's sake, I
19 think it's easier just to put them all in this
20 one, as the Chairman said, "clean-up bill," but
21 certainly I'll take any questions. So the first
22 part of this deals with Districts 31 and 33, and
23 it simply moves the airport into District 31 from
24 District 33. I don't believe it affected very
25 many people at all, but that's essentially what -

1 - the first element. The second district -- and
2 I think you can see on the map up there District
3 31 and 33 in the Upstate Spartanburg area
4 bordering on each other, and if you can see
5 really good, which I sort of can't anymore, you
6 can see the mouse moving there. So that's a
7 simple change between District 31 and 33, and
8 again, does not affect deviation and I believe
9 the members of those two districts are in
10 agreement with that particular change. The next
11 one, District 10 picked up a little bit of
12 population from District 6. Moving over there,
13 as you can see, neighboring districts in the
14 Upstate as well. Again, both districts remain in
15 deviation and both -- again this in consult --
16 consultation with the members of those districts.
17 Nextly -- next, Districts 99 and 15 adjusted
18 their boundary line. This had the -- again, same
19 type thing: Everyone stays in deviation,
20 everyone's in agreement with it between 99 and
21 15. This had the benefit of completing two
22 voting precincts that were not complete prior to
23 this minor change, and you can see it down on the
24 map down -- on the map down in the Low Country.
25 Little harder to see because of the massive

1 population down there. Next, District 92 and 13,
2 also a simple adjustment of the boundary line
3 between those also in that area. And then lastly
4 -- excuse me, 113. My fault. Lastly, District
5 94, 98, and 109 and 114, those districts all come
6 together as you can see in that geographic
7 region, and again, adjustments to complete voting
8 precincts in certain areas. That's the benefit
9 and again, just like all the rest, doesn't pull
10 anyone out of deviation and is a minor change in
11 consultation with the members of those districts.
12 And that essentially is a summary of the contents
13 of this amendment.

14 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Any questions for
15 Representative Jordan on the -- what we'll just
16 call the "Jordan Amendment"? Representative
17 Newton?

18 REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr.
19 Jordan, do any of these changes have any impact
20 to the total number of majority-minority
21 districts that we -- the subcommittee or ad hoc
22 committee worked so hard to protect?

23 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: No, sir. Again, these are
24 changes that do not get into something like that.
25 These are boundary lines, voting precincts, minor

1 shifts of populations that do not affect an issue
2 such as that. Again, I agree with you. The ad
3 hoc committee worked very hard to address those
4 issues.

5 REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON: Thank you, Mr. Jordan.

6 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Representative Wetmore?

7 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: I'm so sorry. Can you walk
8 me through that very last change again. I only
9 caught four. Are there four or five?

10 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: There were five changes total.
11 The last one was -- down in the Low Country was
12 District 94, 98, 109, and 114; and you can see --
13 if you -- as the map catches up, that's an area
14 of the state that, again, there's a lot of
15 population. So those districts all kind of come
16 together, and so again, this is shifting a
17 boundary line and does help complete voting
18 precincts in that area, again, one of the
19 underlying goals. So again, it doesn't pull
20 anyone out of deviation, it doesn't make any
21 major -- like Representative Newton just
22 mentioned, doesn't make any major issues as a
23 result of that. It's just changing within those
24 neighboring districts.

25 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: Thank you.

1 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Any other questions for
2 Representative Jordan on the amendment that he
3 just explained. Hearing none, the pending
4 question is adoption of the amendment. All those
5 in favor say "aye."

6 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

7 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Any opposed?
8 (No response.)

9 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: The ayes have it. Amendment
10 No. 1 is adopted. The next amendment is
11 Representative Will Wheeler and Representative
12 Wheeler will explain his amendment.

13 REPRESENTATIVE WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and
14 thank everybody that worked on this initial plan
15 'cause once it was done, as you said, we could
16 get together and make some additional
17 adjustments. This particular amendment affects
18 only Districts 50, 51, and 64; and only in Sumter
19 County. It just serves to make essentially 64
20 and 50 slightly more contiguous. It makes 64
21 basically run up the river. That's the Clarendon
22 County district. So it's consistent with going
23 up in the length on up the river and then 50
24 comes down the other side, and just switching
25 some territories that had probably been switched

1 back and forth a few times over the years. But
2 Mr. Weeks and Ms. Johnson and I came up -- the
3 three of us together met and worked on these
4 changes yesterday. Be glad to answer any
5 questions anybody might have.

6 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Any questions for
7 Representative Wheeler on the amendment that he
8 just explained? Hearing none, the question
9 before the body is adoption of the -- we'll call
10 it the "Sumter Wheeler Amendment." All those in
11 favor say "aye."

12 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

13 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All opposed. Amendment No. 2
14 is adopted. We have Representative Justin
15 Bamberg. You're recognized.

16 REPRESENTATIVE BAMBERG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This
17 particular amendment is aimed at doing some
18 proverbial house cleaning. As was discussed at
19 the ad hoc meeting, the map was a work in
20 progress. This amendment addresses some concerns
21 that were raised with regards to primarily
22 District 102, currently represented by
23 Representative Joe Jefferson. He was a part of
24 the conversations with regards to putting some
25 areas that were previously in that particular

1 district, based on likeness of population, things
2 like that, back into that district. In early
3 attempts to address some issues, for example,
4 part of Williamsburg County ended up in that
5 Berkeley County district. That was reverted back
6 and puts those back in District 101, presently
7 represented by Representative McKnight. So these
8 are just some housekeeping things that -- of
9 issues that were raised by members on behalf of
10 their constituency in their specific geographical
11 areas, and I would move for passage.

12 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Anyone have a question for
13 Representative Bamberg on the amendment that he
14 just explained? Yes, ma'am. Make sure you --
15 it's hard for me to see in this configuration.
16 So --

17 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
18 do want to ask a point of clarification and that
19 deals with the county boundaries. Representative
20 Bamberg, does that mean that 101 is now totally
21 out of the boundaries of Berkeley County or no?

22 REPRESENTATIVE BAMBERG: I believe 101 still has some
23 of Berkeley County and that part was only
24 adjusted just a bit, but not substantial changes
25 that are going to impact the overall

1 representation of the county or the people there.

2 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: Okay. Thank you. I
3 appreciate that.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BAMBERG: Yes, ma'am.

5 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Any other
6 questions for Representative Bamberg on the
7 amendment that he just explained?

8 (No response.)

9 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Hearing none, the
10 question before the body is adoption of the
11 amendment. All those in favor say "aye."

12 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

13 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All those opposed.
14 (No response.)

15 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: The ayes have it. The
16 amendment is adopted. Next up is Representative
17 Bernstein to explain her amendment.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BERNSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
19 As the committee knows, I was on the ad hoc
20 committee and we traveled across the state
21 listening to public testimony; and most recently,
22 we also had a hearing last week and heard some
23 compelling testimony particularly as it relates
24 to Orangeburg. And what this amendment attempts
25 to do is to reduce the split in the City of

1 Orangeburg. We heard concerns from the public as
2 well as written submissions about the splits in
3 Orangeburg. This amendment has the split -- the
4 city split into two districts, District 90 and
5 95, rather than three; and this also enhances the
6 ability of minority groups in the area to elect
7 their candidate of choice.

8 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Any questions for
9 Representative Bernstein on the amendment that
10 she just explained?

11 (No response.)

12 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Hearing or seeing none, the
13 question before the body is adoption of the
14 amendment as explained. All those in favor say
15 "aye."

16 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

17 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All those opposed.

18 (No response.)

19 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. The amendment has
20 been adopted. The next amendment I recognize
21 Representative McKnight.

22 REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23 Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, fellow
24 citizens, good afternoon. I've -- I'm making the
25 following amendment. This amendment will keep

1 the community of Lake City as a whole. Lake City
2 has four voting precincts and this amendment will
3 put them all into District 101. We've heard from
4 members of the community and constituents and
5 they voiced strong input into keeping Lake City
6 whole. So respectfully, I move for this limit.
7 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: And you also did that with the
9 -- in conjunction with Representative Kirby,
10 correct?

11 REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT: That is correct. And I'm
12 sorry, one other point: This also prevents
13 District 57 from going into four different
14 counties.

15 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Correct. All right. Any
16 questions for Representative McKnight on the
17 amendment that he just explained?

18 (No response.)

19 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Hearing or seeing none, the
20 question is adoption of the amendment as
21 explained. All those in favor say "aye."

22 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

23 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All those opposed.

24 (No response.)

25 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: The amendment is adopted. This

1 time I will recognize Representative King on his
2 first amendment.

3 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As you
4 know, Representative Govan is not a part of this
5 committee and could not submit his own amendment.
6 He has asked if I would submit an amendment for
7 him and he has written a statement that explains
8 the amendment. He says that it will -- the
9 cracking the community of interest in this area
10 of Orangeburg County and gerrymandering of those
11 interests into smaller counties, such as Bamberg,
12 Barnwell, and Allendale that have nothing in
13 common with Orangeburg, makes no sense. I read
14 for him. He says (as read): "I propose or would
15 properly address this situation result in no
16 significant changes in the draft plan other than
17 those addressed areas affected concerning
18 Orangeburg, Bamberg, Calhoun, Allendale, and
19 Barnwell Counties." He says (as read): "The
20 plan clearly meets all six of the key traditional
21 redistricting criteria," and he listed those,
22 "meets the eye test; maintain constituent
23 consistency; respects urban, suburban, and rural
24 communities of interest; avoids splitting of
25 precincts; avoid cracking and gerrymandering; and

1 finally, limit -- because of the limit of the
2 COVID pandemic could impacts and response to the
3 plan has been overwhelming negative and against -
4 - and in opposition with continued growth as
5 people become more aware of what is being
6 proposed." And I propose this amendment on
7 behalf of Representative Govan and move for its
8 passage.

9 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Any -- anyone have any
10 questions for Representative Bamberg?

11 REPRESENTATIVE BAMBERG: At the appropriate time, Mr.
12 Chair, I would move to table this particular
13 amendment. It would effectively undo an
14 amendment that passed earlier by Judiciary
15 unanimously.

16 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Let me -- I was
17 just going to see if anybody has a question for
18 you, Mr. King. Anybody have a question for
19 Representative King? Representative Caskey?

20 REPRESENTATIVE CASKEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
21 would love for somebody to explain to me the
22 difference between the King No. 1 amendment that
23 we're currently debating and the Bamberg
24 amendment that we adopted earlier. What's the
25 difference between the two?

1 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Representative Bernstein.

2 REPRESENTATIVE CASKEY: Pardon? Oh, correct. Yeah.
3 I'm sorry.

4 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Yeah. Representative King, do
5 you want to explain the difference between your
6 amendment and the amendment that was previously
7 adopted?

8 REPRESENTATIVE KING: I honestly cannot tell you
9 exactly what Ms. Bernstein did and I am -- what -
10 - in this particular amendment that
11 Representative Govan has asked me to present,
12 from what he's told me in looking at it, it puts
13 him back into the district in which he
14 represented and that was the interest of the
15 people in Orangeburg County. It will allow for
16 there to be two resident representatives in
17 Orangeburg County versus just one resident,
18 something that they feel that they should have at
19 the size of that county; and so what it does is
20 it brings Orange back -- Orangeburg back with not
21 just one resident representative, but two and it
22 preserves a minority-majority district.

23 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Any further
24 discussion, Mr. Caskey?

25 REPRESENTATIVE BERNSTEIN: You know, I --

1 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Representative Bernstein?

2 REPRESENTATIVE BERNSTEIN: Thank you. I'm sorry. I
3 apologize. I spoke out of turn. I apologize.

4 So I don't know Representative Govan -- the exact
5 difference between this and what the amendment
6 that we just passed. I think we're going --
7 trying to accomplish the same thing in limiting
8 how many -- how the city is going to be split.

9 Think the original plan had it among three
10 representatives, and now, under this amendment,
11 it -- the City of Orangeburg would be split into
12 two districts, and that would be 90 and 95,
13 rather than the three. So with that, I'm not real
14 sure the difference because I believe what the
15 amendment that Representative Govan -- or I
16 should clarify and say that Representative King
17 has submitted, would do the same thing, just
18 maybe the lines may look different.

19 REPRESENTATIVE KING: I -- Mr. Chair --

20 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Representative King?

21 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Representative Govan was texting
22 me just saying this would put him back in the
23 district in where he lived. It would not put him
24 into Calhoun County, I believe is what he said.
25 And it -- he is -- he -- the way it's drawn, it

1 would put him back into 95 in which -- where he
2 lives now.

3 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: But he'll still be in a House
4 district.

5 REPRESENTATIVE KING: I -- granted. I understand
6 that. Just, you know, I'm representing him as a
7 legislator --

8 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Yes, sir. I understand that.

9 REPRESENTATIVE KING: -- for his amendment, and I'm
10 just -- so that's what it does. It creates his
11 district back again in which he represents and he
12 says it's the wishes of the constituency in
13 Orangeburg County.

14 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: I think Representative Jordan
15 had a comment.

16 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, it may help a
17 little bit just to give you kind of a little bit
18 of 30,000 foot view maybe. So there are roughly
19 30 -- 13,000 people in the City of Orangeburg.
20 In the ad hoc working draft, it was -- talking
21 about the city now -- split four ways and this --
22 that's one of the things the committee heard a
23 lot of testimony that was concerning. The
24 Bernstein amendment helps that tremendously. It
25 splits the city much less severely. It ends up

1 with about 10,000 people that would be in
2 District 90 and about 3,000 are in District 95.
3 So 95 still is connected to Orangeburg obviously.

4 Of the two of these districts -- and
5 therefore, only two of these districts reach into
6 the city, whereas there are four districts in the
7 county. I think what we're talking about is the
8 splits -- the split of the city, and so the
9 Bernstein amendment does tremendously help that.
10 And I should point out too there was never a
11 singular district in the City of Orangeburg, I
12 don't believe. So a lot of the concerns that
13 were raised to the ad hoc committee are addressed
14 by way of the Bernstein amendment.

15 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Representative Jordan, does
16 this -- what we're calling the "Bernstein
17 amendment," it creates, if I'm not mistaken, four
18 majority-minority districts with -- am I correct
19 in that?

20 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: I believe that's correct. I
21 believe the way that the previous -- the ad hoc
22 committee plan, I believe it had three majority-
23 minority districts, and under this amendment, it
24 goes to four --

25 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Four.

1 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: -- majority-minority
2 districts. That is --
3 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right.
4 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: I believe that's correct.
5 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Thank you.
6 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Thank you, Mr. Chair. One thing
7 I would like to note for the record is that prior
8 to the last redistricting, the kitty -- committee
9 should know that Orangeburg County was in House
10 District 90. So that is not an unknown thing.
11 That is how it was for a decade before. The plan
12 does -- as Representative Bernstein submitted,
13 does create four majority-minority districts and
14 there have been people who've raised concerns
15 about the commonality of, say, Bamberg County and
16 Orangeburg County. They already have shared
17 services. Representative Caskey, for example,
18 they share a hospital, they share a tri-county
19 alcohol and drug abuse program. So the Bamberg,
20 Orangeburg, Calhoun sort of tri-county area has a
21 lot of shared services and their economies are
22 tied directly to one another. And if you look at
23 the other communities of interest aspects,
24 economy, social and cultural commonality of
25 communications, those counties share a local

1 newspaper, for example, which is the main means
2 of information getting out; geography location of
3 features. So I would just like the committee
4 members to understand that. Thank you, Mr.
5 Chair.

6 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: And I believe you had a motion
7 that you're going to raise, Representative
8 Bamberg?

9 REPRESENTATIVE BAMBERG: Yes, Mr. Chair. I would move
10 to table the King amendment.

11 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Representative
12 Bamberg moves to table the King amendment. All
13 those in favor of tabling the King amendment say
14 "aye."

15 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

16 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Any opposed?

17 UNKNOWN REPRESENTATIVE:

18 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: One opposed. The amendment,
19 King amendment, is tabled. I believe
20 Representative King has a second amendment.

21 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My second
22 amendment, which -- let's give --

23 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Okay. We'll give Ms. Dena
24 Rowland a chance to hand it out.

25 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and

1 hopefully everyone has the amendment. Mr. Chair
2 and members of Judiciary Committee, when the ad
3 hoc committee met in York County in Rock Hill and
4 I spoke, as well as when I spoke virtually, I
5 have advocated for this particular amendment and
6 now that I am on full committee, I advocate for
7 it as well where this amendment strikes less than
8 5 percent of a relative deviation in excess or
9 plus and minus two-and-one-half percent for each
10 South Carolina House district, and it changes it
11 to less than 10 percent of a relative deviation
12 in excess or plus or minus 5 percent for South
13 Carolina House districts. As you all have tried
14 to preserve minority -- majority-minority
15 districts, it has come -- even harder to do that
16 as the populations have not grown or moved in
17 other areas; and so in order to create and
18 preserve majority-minority districts, I feel that
19 moving the deviation to 10 percent versus 5
20 percent will give an opportunity for groups who
21 would like to elect from -- someone from a
22 minority community have a more likely chance of
23 electing those people. And so I still support an
24 amendment where we move the deviation from 5
25 percent to 10 percent, which will not only

1 protect groups of interest and put them together,
2 but also look at minority-majority districts in
3 ensuring that we at least have a chance to be
4 elected in districts across the state. So I make
5 that -- I put this amendment up and put it in a
6 formal motion to accept it.

7 REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr.
8 Chairman, as you all know, I was a member of the
9 ad hoc committee and we've not only discussed the
10 criteria at the outset, we had the occasion to
11 consider the possibility of amending the
12 criteria. I think a motion was introduced along
13 the way, and I think it's significant and
14 important to remember that, you know, the
15 Fourteenth Amendment and the Equal Protection
16 Clause is intended to try to promote as nearly
17 equal population as is practical. There -- it's
18 worthy of observation that of the plan -- other
19 plans that have been submitted that have used a
20 10 percent deviation, there are fewer minority-
21 majority districts protected under those plans
22 which I think is contrary to the -- part of
23 Representative King's argument that he has
24 suggested. You know, we've discussed this again
25 even at the last public hearing that we had and

1 the meeting that -- you know, the Supreme Court
2 has -- this is the United States Supreme Court --
3 has declined to create a safe harbor for
4 population deviations of less than 10 percent,
5 and you know, I'm -- I believe, Mr. Chairman,
6 that based on our discussion based on what the
7 Fourteenth Amendment and the goal of the Equal
8 Protection Clause and what the requirements are
9 and furthermore what is practically shown by the
10 submissions that have been made by others that
11 the deviation at 5 percent is appropriate, and at
12 the appropriate time, I would move to table the
13 motion.

14 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. You have a --

15 Representative Elliott, you have a question?

16 REPRESENTATIVE ELLIOTT: Just a comment, Mr. Chairman.
17 I would also note to Mr. King that we have had
18 this discussion before and I appreciate him
19 trying -- enlighten us, talking about this again.

20 I would note that the NAACP submission map
21 in their proposed map used a 5 percent deviation
22 as well, and I'm assuming that their interest
23 would be in protecting majority-minority
24 districts.

25 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Thank you,

1 Representative Elliott. We have a motion by
2 Representative Newton to table the King
3 amendment. All those in favor of -- you want to
4 -- all right. I'll let you briefly respond.

5 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have
6 placed my comments in writing to be placed in the
7 record, and so is --

8 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: If you'll just hand those to
9 Emma Dean, and she'll make sure that it gets in
10 the record, Representative King.

11 REPRESENTATIVE KING: And in reference to -- and I
12 know we have not done this today, but in
13 reference to this particular vote, I would like
14 for it to be a roll call vote, please, sir.

15 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: We have a motion to table the
16 King amendment. Representative King has asked
17 for a roll call. Do five members concur in his
18 request? Well, we got one concurring. Five do
19 not. The pending question before the body is
20 tabling of the King amendment. All in favor say
21 "aye."

22 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

23 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Any opposed? Two
24 opposed. The amendment fails. I believe you
25 have one more amendment, Representative King?

1 REPRESENTATIVE KING: I do and thank you.

2 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: And that amendment is on the
3 screen.

4 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Thank you. And this is my last
5 amendment. This is just a clean-up amendment in
6 York County. This one right here where -- I
7 can't see it as you -- but it deals with Dave
8 Lyle Boulevard being the dividing line with House
9 District 49 and 46. Parts of York (ph) will go
10 from 46 to 47, and parts of downtown York will go
11 from 49 to 47. This enhances the ability of
12 minority groups in the area to elect the
13 candidates of their choice, and I move for its
14 passage.

15 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: And I believe, Representative
16 King, you've talked with the other members in the
17 surrounding districts and they concur in this
18 request.

19 REPRESENTATIVE KING: Yes.

20 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Pending question
21 is adoption of the King amendment that was just
22 discussed. All those in favor say "aye."

23 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

24 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All those opposed.
25 (No response.)

1 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: No one opposed. The King
2 amendment has been adopted. Pending question now
3 before the body is the adoption of the 2021
4 Redistricting -- House Redistricting Plan. Roll
5 call is required and ordered as amended.

6 MS. DEAN: Mr. Bailey?

7 REPRESENTATIVE BAILEY: Aye.

8 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Bamberg?

9 REPRESENTATIVE BAMBERG: Aye.

10 MS. DEAN: Aye. Ms. Bernstein.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BERNSTEIN: Aye.

12 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Bryant.

13 REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT: Aye.

14 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Caskey.

15 REPRESENTATIVE CASKEY: Aye.

16 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Collins.

17 REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS: Aye.

18 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Cox.

19 REPRESENTATIVE COX: Aye.

20 MS. DEAN: Aye. Ms. Davis.

21 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Aye.

22 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Elliott.

23 REPRESENTATIVE ELLIOTT: Aye.

24 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Fry.

25 REPRESENTATIVE FRY: Aye.

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1 MS. DEAN: Aye. Ms. Henegan.

2 REPRESENTATIVE HENEGAN: Aye.

3 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Hyde.

4 REPRESENTATIVE HYDE: Aye.

5 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Johnson.

6 REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON: Aye.

7 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Jordan.

8 REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: Aye.

9 MS. DEAN: Aye. Ms. Kimmons.

10 REPRESENTATIVE KIMMONS: Aye.

11 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. King.

12 REPRESENTATIVE KING: (No audible response.)

13 MS. DEAN: Not voting. Mr. McCravy.

14 REPRESENTATIVE MCCRAVY: Aye.

15 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. McKnight.

16 REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT: Aye.

17 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Murphy.

18 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Aye.

19 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. New -- Brandon Newton.

20 REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON: Aye.

21 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Weston Newton.

22 REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON: Aye.

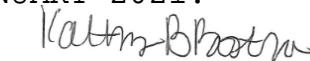
23 MS. DEAN: Aye. Mr. Rose.

24 REPRESENTATIVE ROSE: No.

25 MS. DEAN: No. Mr. Thigpen.

1 REPRESENTATIVE THIGPEN: (No audible response.)
2 MS. DEAN: Not voting. Ms. Wetmore.
3 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: No.
4 MS. DEAN: No. Mr. Wheeler.
5 REPRESENTATIVE WHEELER: Aye.
6 MS. DEAN: Aye.
7 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. By a vote of 21 in
8 favor, 2 opposed, 2 not voting, the 2021 House
9 Redistricting Plan as amended has been adopted.
10 That is the only issue that we had today. Does
11 anybody want to speak on the bill? I mean, it's
12 -- go ahead, Ms. Wetmore. You have a question?
13 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: Are the amended maps
14 available or --
15 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: They will be up --
16 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: -- by tomorrow --
17 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: -- by this afternoon. By the
18 -- definitely by tomorrow.
19 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: Okay.
20 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: But they'll -- we're going to
21 hope to have them up by today.
22 REPRESENTATIVE WETMORE: Thank you.
23 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Any other questions? Any
24 other concerns?
25 (No response.)

1 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. Move to adjourn.
2 Entertain a motion.
3 MULTIPLE VOICES: So moved.
4 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. All those in favor
5 say "aye."
6 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.
7 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: All right. We are adjourned.
8 Thank y'all for your hard work.
9 (There being nothing further, the hearing
10 concluded)
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