

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

Date:	04/19/2011	ATTENDANCE
Time:	05:06 PM to 07:56 PM	Brophy X
Place:	SCR 356	Carroll X
		Coram X
		Nikkel X
This Meeting was called to order by		Pabon X
<u>Senator Heath</u>		Scheffel X
		Schwartz X
This Report was prepared by		Vigil X
<u>Christie Lee</u>		Balmer X
		Heath X

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Discussion on Proposed Congressional District Maps	-

05:06 PM -- Discussion on Proposed Congressional District Maps

Senator Heath called the meeting to order. Senator Heath provided introductory comments and discussed the committee's last meeting. Representative Nikkel asked for additional information regarding state law pertaining to congressional districting.

05:10 PM

Mr. Tom Morris, Office of Legislative Legal Services, presented to the committee. Mr. Morris responded to Representative Nikkel's request for information regarding state law.

05:12 PM

Senator Heath discussed the committee's charge. He provided additional information regarding the City Integrity maps and keeping city boundaries whole. Additional discussion ensued regarding active voter registration by political party. Senator Heath responded to questions from the committee.

05:23 PM

Representative Nikkel asked about the consideration of district competitiveness in state law pertaining to redistricting. Senator Carroll and Senator Brophy commented on the merits of using or not using competitiveness in the drawing of congressional maps.

05:32 PM

Representative Pabon commented on the rationale used in drafting the boundaries contained in the City Integrity maps. Information was provided regarding transportation corridors included within the maps.

05:43 PM

Representative Pabon responded to Republican-drawn maps and discussed concerns.

05:49 PM

Senator Schwartz commented on the Republican-draft maps. Committee discussions ensued.

06:02 PM

Representative Vigil commented on transportation corridors within the third congressional district. Representative Coram commented on rural Colorado in the redistricting process.

06:13 PM

Senator Carroll responded to previous comments by other members of the committee.

06:24 PM

Senator Carroll commented on communities of interest. Senator Carroll responded to questions from the committee.

06:35 PM

Representative Coram responded to previous comments by other members of the committee. He read a resolution opposing and splitting of the Western Slope in the redistricting process (Attachment A).

06:43 PM

Senator Brophy commented on the City Integrity maps. Senator Brophy discussed potential areas for bipartisan agreement.

06:53 PM

Representative Nikkel commented on the City Integrity maps and discussed previous comments made by committee members. Committee discussions ensued.

07:05 PM

Senator Scheffel discussed the proposed maps and the process to date. Senator Brophy commented on emails received by committee members. Committee discussions ensued.

07:17 PM

Representative Balmer made closing comments and observations from the committee discussion.

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Representative Balmer discussed a potential bipartisan map. Committee discussions ensued. Senator Schwartz commented on competitiveness.

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Senator Brophy commented on various counties to retain as whole.

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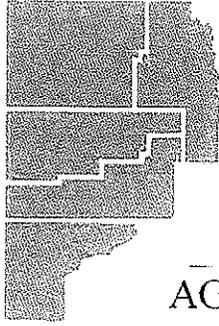
Senator Carroll discussed the merits of various maps.

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Committee discussions ensued regarding points of agreement between the maps.

07:55 PM

The committee adjourned.



AGNC resolution
concerning
census-mandated redistricting

WHEREAS: Every decade, after the census, the legislature is charged with redrawing congressional boundaries to make sure each district has roughly the same number of people; and

WHEREAS: The 2010 census indicates that changes in Colorado's population will require some boundary adjustments in its congressional districts; and

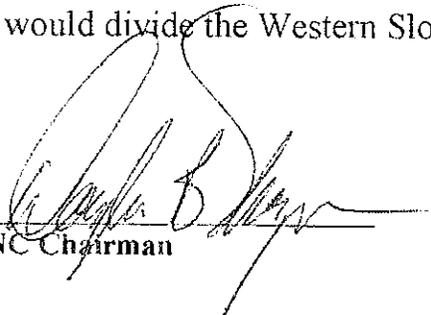
WHEREAS: The Third Congressional district as presently configured represents all of the AGNC counties along with the rest of Western Colorado; and

WHEREAS: the AGNC membership represents the municipal and county governments of Northwestern Colorado; and

WHEREAS: The Western Slope is a political as well as geographical region sharing many common elements which constitute a "community of interest"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AGNC urges the General Assembly and Governor to support the concept of keeping the Western Slope, as a "community of interest", intact to the maximum extent possible and to maintain the Western Slope within a single Congressional district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AGNC opposes any plan for redistricting that would divide the Western Slope among Congressional districts.


AGNC Chairman

**Duly Adopted
March 16, 2011
Rifle, Colorado**