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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (On record)

4 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. We'll call the meeting to  
5 order. The time is 2:05. Roll call of members, please.

6 MR. BICKFORD: John Torgerson.

7 CHAIR TORGERSON: Present.

8 MR. BICKFORD: PeggyAnn McConnochie.

9 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Here.

10 MR. BICKFORD: Marie Greene.

11 MS. GREENE: Present.

12 MR. BICKFORD: Bob Brodie.

13 MR. BRODIE: Present.

14 MR. BICKFORD: Jim Holm.

15 MR. HOLM: Here.

16 MR. BICKFORD: Mr. Chairman. That's five out of five  
17 board members present.

18 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. All board members are present.  
19 Staff is here. And we're represented by counsel.

20 Let's me see, where's an agenda. Oh, yeah, I've got  
21 one here. It's on the bottom. All right.

22 So we have approval of the agenda.

23 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Move for approval.

24 MR. BRODIE: Second.

25 CHAIR TORGERSON: Moved and approved -- or moved and

1 seconded that we approve the agenda. Is there discussion.

2 (No comments)

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. Roll call vote, please.

4 MR. BICKFORD: John Torgerson.

5 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yes.

6 MR. BICKFORD: PeggyAnn McConnochie.

7 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yes.

8 MR. BICKFORD: Marie Greene.

9 MS. GREENE: Yes.

10 MR. BICKFORD: Bob Brodie.

11 MR. BRODIE: Yes.

12 MR. BICKFORD: Jim Holm.

13 MR. HOLM: I don't have it yet.

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay.

15 MS. GREENE: He shouldn't need it.

16 MR. HOLM: So.....

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: So.....

18 MR. HOLM: So I would maybe, but it's -- how about a  
19 maybe? That will work.

20 CHAIR TORGERSON: A maybe. Okay. So by a four yes and  
21 one maybe we have adopted the agenda.

22 (Laughter)

23 MR. HOLM: (Indiscernible)

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: No, I'll void the vote, and we'll --  
25 let's get him an agenda.

1 MR. HOLM: I don't if I can receive it once I've joined  
2 the meeting.

3 MR. BICKFORD: I hear Mary saying that she sent it to  
4 you, Jim, to your personal.

5 MR. HOLM: Unless it's sent by fax, she can send it by  
6 fax and I'll have it, just not email.

7 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. It's on its way.

8 MR. BICKFORD: (Indiscernible) have you send it.

9 MR. HOLM: Thank you.

10 MR. BICKFORD: Sorry about that. She'll try by fax.

11 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yes, sir. So on -- it's going on the  
12 fax machine as we speak.

13 MR. HOLM: Okay. I'm sure you'll hear it when I get  
14 it.

15 CHAIR TORGERSON: What's the weather like?

16 MR. HOLM: (Indiscernible) 80 above all weekend.

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: All weekend.

18 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Jealous.

19 MR. HOLM: Miserable. Mosquitos are out.

20 MS. GREENE: Smokey? Is it.....

21 MR. HOLM: Strawberries are ripe.

22 MS. GREENE: That's all you need to say. We're coming.

23 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah, move our next meeting be in  
24 Fairbanks, right in the middle of the strawberry patch.

25 MR. HOLM: How was Juneau this weekend?

1 MS. McCONNOCHIE: 71, sunny. Beautiful.

2 MR. HOLM: Well, that is beautiful for Juneau.

3 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yeah, it's just lovely.

4 MR. HOLM: Yes. It's the prettiest place in the world  
5 when it's nice.

6 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Now, now.

7 (Laughter)

8 MS. GREENE: Yes, it's beautiful when it's nice.

9 MS. McCONNOCHIE: It's beautiful all the time,  
10 even.....

11 MR. HOLM: (Indiscernible).....

12 MS. McCONNOCHIE: .....when it rains.

13 MR. HOLM: .....no big deal.

14 MS. McCONNOCHIE: It's even beautiful when it rains.

15 MR. HOLM: Well, okay.

16 (Laughter)

17 MS. GREENE: No comment. I lived down there for four  
18 years or so in Sitka.....

19 CHAIR TORGERSON: Everything is beautiful in.....

20 MS. GREENE: .....Sitka has better weather.....

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....its own way.

22 MS. GREENE: .....than Juneau though. Southeast, it  
23 rains so much.

24 MS. McCONNOCHIE: It keeps things green. It keeps  
25 things green.....

1 MS. GREENE: Yeah.

2 MS. McCONNOCHIE: .....it does.

3 MR. HOLM: Probably be faster, John, if you emailed it  
4 and then I just go off Go To Meeting, go right back on again  
5 when I get it.

6 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Jim, you should be able to minimize  
7 Go To Meeting and look at your emails.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: You emailed it to where?

9 MR. BICKFORD: To (indiscernible) home.

10 CHAIR TORGERSON: They emailed it to your personal  
11 account earlier.

12 MR. HOLM: It wasn't there 10 minutes to 2.

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. Can you maybe check that  
14 again?

15 MR. HOLM: Yeah, I'm sure it's there now. I got it. I  
16 just got it. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: All right. So let's go back to item  
18 3, approval of the agenda. Could we have the motions again?

19 MS. McCONNOCHIE: I move for approval.

20 MR. BRODIE: Second.

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: It's been seconded. Is there  
22 additions or corrections to the agenda.

23 (No comments)

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

25 MR. BICKFORD: John Torgerson.

1 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yes.

2 MR. BICKFORD: PeggyAnn McConnochie.

3 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yes.

4 MR. BICKFORD: Marie Greene.

5 MS. GREENE: Yes.

6 MR. BICKFORD: Bob Brodie.

7 MR. BRODIE: Yes.

8 MR. BICKFORD: Jim Holm.

9 MR. HOLM: Yes.

10 CHAIR TORGERSON: So by a five to zero vote we have  
11 approved the agenda.

12 Next is the executive director's report.

13 MR. BICKFORD: Mr. Chairman. The first item, I just  
14 want to let everyone that's listening on line know that if they  
15 go to the website, akredistricting.org, there is a link and a  
16 code, and you're going to be able to have access to a webinar  
17 that will stream what's happening on our computer once that  
18 part of the meeting starts. So just go to the website, it's on  
19 the right side of the home page, and the first 100 people that  
20 sign up will have a chance to watch what we're doing on the  
21 screen.

22 The other item in the report is something that we got  
23 about five minutes before the meeting started. It's an email  
24 from Dr. Hanley that you should all have. It looks like this.

25 MS. GREENE: Uh-huh.

1 MR. BICKFORD: We spoke on the phone this morning, we  
2 exchanged some emails yesterday, and discussed the two  
3 questions that we posed on Saturday about the rural plan that  
4 was adopting concept.

5 So the first question was about the senate pairings.  
6 And we spoke about that for a little bit. And she thought that  
7 the strongest senate pairings were obviously the two senate  
8 pairings up north and then the Kodiak/Bethel senate pairing and  
9 the Dillingham/Nome senate pairing.

10 But we talked about the potential of the Kodiak/  
11 Dillingham senate pairing. You'll see that she answered that  
12 question in this email. And she says that she calculates the  
13 pairing at 30 percent Native plus all, which is well more than  
14 10 percentage points away from the mark, which is 42 percent,  
15 the benchmark. Since it cannot be argued that this pairing is  
16 the only pairing possible, I think the DOJ is likely to object  
17 to such a pairing.

18 So I think that's along the lines of maybe what we  
19 expected to hear, but in her opinion, the strongest senate  
20 pairings are the ones we discussed on Saturday, and she doesn't  
21 think that the Dillingham/Kodiak senate pairing would pass DOJ.

22 The other question was about the Southeast influence  
23 district. And we talked about that this morning as well. She  
24 put her answer in writing here that she didn't think that there  
25 was any problem with our Southeast influence district. I

1 explained to her that we might be able to get another  
2 percentage point or so on Native VAP is we were to add Saxman,  
3 but she said that given the, you know, more (indiscernible) to  
4 do so and the fact that the community of Saxman, the Native  
5 community of Saxman is opposed to it, that it ends up being  
6 sort of a wash, and she thinks it's fine as it's  
7 (indiscernible).

8 So those were the two, you know, big questions we had  
9 on Saturday. And she thought that the plan looked good. And,  
10 you know, she needed sometime to analyze it, because it was a  
11 little different than what she previously looked at, and to her  
12 it all comes down to the senate pairings, which is where we  
13 were at before.

14 We also talked a little bit -- she thought it might be  
15 a good idea once the plan is adopted after the 14th to  
16 potentially put a team together to go to D.C. to meet with DOJ  
17 in person. She was going to talk to some of her contacts over  
18 there to see if they thought that might be a good idea, just  
19 for a chance to meet face-to-face and, you know, talk through  
20 some of these issues so they understand where we're coming  
21 from.

22 So that's it for now. I'm planning on talking to her  
23 tomorrow once again, so if there's anything else that anybody  
24 wants me to cover, I'll bring it up with her tomorrow morning.

25 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman, just so you know, any meeting

1 would be after we submit for preclearance, which we will file  
2 as soon as we can after the lawsuits are filed, or after that  
3 30-day period is done, because one of the things DOJ wants to  
4 know is what if any pending lawsuits there are. So our  
5 preclearance report to the DOJ will be submitted 30 -- day 31  
6 or day 32 after the plan is adopted.

7 MS. McCONNOCHIE: So what approximately would be that  
8 time frame then?

9 MR. WHITE: I would say middle of July. I mean, if  
10 it's June 14th, 30 days.....

11 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Okay.

12 MR. WHITE: .....would be -- you know, I would suspect  
13 that we would file somewhere in -- give.....

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: And it's.....

15 MR. WHITE: .....or take a week after that.

16 CHAIR TORGERSON: And so we don't know -- one question  
17 that she didn't cover here, maybe we didn't ask it, but would  
18 she consider this an influence, 35/7 an influence since we know  
19 -- she's answered the question that it's not an effective  
20 senate seat, but the question that still begs is if it is an  
21 influence senate seat.

22 MR. BICKFORD: I don't know the answer to that question  
23 for sure, Mr. Chairman, but my guess is that she would probably  
24 say yes.

25 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, mine is, too, but I want to

1 know.

2 MR. BICKFORD: And I can talk to her about it tomorrow.

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: And my thought is that, you know, our  
4 options are -- our options are three or four-fold in these  
5 senate pairings for this. One is the non-contiguous, which  
6 we've kind of all thrown out now. We've tried to stick to the  
7 wishes of almost everybody. The other option is to pair Kodiak  
8 with Bethel like was the thought in PAM (ph) number 2. And  
9 then the other one is 35/37.

10 But if we do 35/37, then we would not hit our  
11 benchmark. We would be 4, 2, 2, and 1. Four house effective,  
12 two house -- or four house -- yeah, four house effective, two  
13 house influence -- or are we five? I forget. Anyway we're  
14 either four or five house effective. But we would be two  
15 senate effective, one senate influence. And I think the board  
16 needs to at least have the information on that. It would be as  
17 declaring retrogression I would assume, Mr. White, would that be  
18 -- if we dropped down from three to two, one.

19 MR. WHITE: Given that our expert has said the  
20 benchmark is.....

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: Since we've already.....

22 MR. WHITE: .....4, 2, 3, then I would have.....

23 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....accepted the benchmark, yeah.

24 MR. WHITE: .....to say, yes.

25 CHAIR TORGERSON: Right. And so then I want to -- I

1 would like to have our ex -- Lisa, Dr. Hanley's opinion on this  
2 senate influence, and then we'll push it over to the counsel to  
3 -- or our legal counsel to walk us through the ramifications of  
4 doing this. Does that make sense? No? Yes?

5 MS. GREENE: Yes.

6 MR. BRODIE: (Indiscernible)

7 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yes, thank you.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: And I would assume, Mr. White, most  
9 of this would be -- or part of this would be in executive  
10 session? Your.....

11 MR. WHITE: I believe that it is an appropriate topic  
12 for executive session if we are talking about the potential  
13 litigation ramifications of one pairing over the other.

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: And so it would be my intent that if  
15 we got our answer back from Lisa, that we will meet in  
16 executive session tomorrow morning, giving her this afternoon  
17 and tomorrow. She should have something.....

18 MR. BICKFORD: Yeah.

19 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....being the four hour difference.  
20 I wouldn't think it would take her that long to get that,  
21 so.....

22 MR. WHITE: Are we back to our 10:00 o'clock?

23 CHAIR TORGERSON: We are tomorrow. We come back in at  
24 10 tomorrow. And if we want to postpone that to a little on in  
25 the afternoon, that's fine. I just -- I don't know if you want

1 to start it out that way or whatever, but that would be my  
2 thought. Okay. We'll.....

3 MR. BICKFORD: Mr. Chairman. One additional question  
4 that Board Member Brodie and I talked about was maybe having  
5 her reexamine the Southeast senate, what would be now 39 senate  
6 pairing. Given that the percentage is higher in our new 39,  
7 Bob thought it might be worthwhile just, you know.....

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, that's the non-contiguous.

9 MR. BICKFORD: It would be non-contiguous, but  
10 seeing.....

11 CHAIR TORGERSON: Right.

12 MR. BICKFORD: .....if that would be effective, because  
13 the last one we drew wasn't.

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: Oh.

15 MR. BICKFORD: But at this percentage, you might have  
16 an effective senate seat in that pairing.

17 MS. GREENE: Say what -- I don't quite understand,  
18 Taylor. Walk through it for me again.

19 MR. BICKFORD: Reexamining the Interior to Southeast  
20 senate pairing that we've previously done in our draft options.  
21 But now that that Interior district takes in Nome, and the  
22 percentage is over 60 percent, pairing with the 32, 33 percent  
23 district in Southeast, it -- the senate district might end up  
24 being effective.

25 MR. WHITE: And then back to a non-contiguous

1 Southeast.

2 CHAIR TORGERSON: It would be -- you have your -- we're  
3 trying for influence, not effective though, right?

4 MR. BICKFORD: Well, I think -- Bob, correct me if I'm  
5 wrong, but I think Bob's thought was that it could.....

6 CHAIR TORGERSON: Oh, no, the other way.....

7 MR. BICKFORD: .....be effective.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....I'm backwards. You want an  
9 effective, not a -- so -- I'm sorry.

10 Well, that is the non-contiguous senate pairing, and  
11 that's one of my three options.

12 MR. WHITE: You can't do that, because you're saying a  
13 non-contiguous North Slope pairing, and a non-contiguous  
14 southeast pairing, because 40's locked, isn't it? It only  
15 connects to 39.

16 CHAIR TORGERSON: You would.

17 MR. WHITE: Yeah.

18 CHAIR TORGERSON: It would be, because you'd have to  
19 move -- you would have to come up with some other pairing  
20 for.....

21 MS. McCONNOCHIE: That was the question I was going to  
22 ask.

23 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah. That seems to be under our  
24 board-adopted plan for the rurals, that seems to be off the  
25 table.

1           So that leaves us just the two, the current thought  
2           which is -- well, I won't say it's a thought, but it's one of  
3           the thoughts is the 35/36, which is the Bethel with Kodiak, or  
4           35/37, which is Kodiak/Dillingham/Chain.

5           Well, let's find out if that's -- if that is an  
6           influence at the 30-point-whatever it is.

7           MS. McCONNOCHIE: 30.6.

8           CHAIR TORGERSON: 30.6. And then have that information  
9           for us in the morning.

10          MR. BICKFORD: Okay.

11          CHAIR TORGERSON: All right. That brings us to the  
12          Board discussion on final adoption. Today we're going to look  
13          at a couple of different Kenai Peninsula pairings or plans, and  
14          also a Mat-Su pairing.

15          MR. BICKFORD: Having not enough time to look through  
16          these things for our rural plan, but they use the same  
17          boundaries that, you know, just didn't have the time. So do  
18          you want to rotate (ph)?

19          UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: This is the Mat-Su plan?

20          MR. BICKFORD: Yes, the Mat-Su one you sent.

21          UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Can you scroll up a little bit  
22          here?

23          UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Sure.

24          UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So the thought behind this  
25          exercise was to see how the Mat-Su Borough's proposal would fit

1 into the concepts that were adopted on Saturday. So what I did  
2 is I took -- I see 12, 13, 14, and 15 are completely unaffected  
3 by the districts that were drawn on Saturday, and so we  
4 imported those.....

5 CHAIR TORGERSON: Would you put place mats (ph) on  
6 there, Eric.

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Those four clean districts. And  
8 then we left what was left of the Mat-Su unassigned, and then  
9 assigned it all to one district, leaving out the Chickaloon,  
10 you know, the part of 12, our 12, became as far as Chickaloon.  
11 And what resulted were four districts or five districts. 12  
12 through 15 being completely unchanged from what the borough  
13 gave us. 11 being mostly unchanged from what the borough gave  
14 us. The only difference is it does not include the area from  
15 Chickaloon to the borough boundary.

16 MR. WHITE: Say that again?

17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: District 11 that they had drawn is  
18 kind of a rural Mat-Su district, and.....

19 CHAIR TORGERSON: Which included Chickaloon  
20 (indiscernible).....

21 MR. WHITE: Oh, it included that.....

22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It did.

23 MR. WHITE: .....portion into it.

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah.

25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And because our concepts that were

1 adopted on Saturday had taken Chick -- you know, as far as  
2 Chickaloon in district 12, we didn't touch that area.

3 And what results is a district 11 that is about 2,000  
4 people short, 2200 people short.

5 And so the next step is going to be figuring out some  
6 different options for how to make up for that. As you see,  
7 under their district 15, which is the dark blue district to the  
8 right, the Knik River area, under that blue shape.....

9 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Right.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: .....they had given to an  
11 Anchorage district. So in their proposal they had five  
12 districts that were cleanly within the borough boundaries, but  
13 they had this one Anchorage district that actually came up,  
14 crossed the boundary and then came up into Knik.

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Eric, can you turn on VOPs so we  
16 can see how many people that is?

17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I want to say it's three or 400.

18 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible) 24.

19 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And then once -- and then you've  
20 got a few little blocks up there, all together probably about  
21 400 people that they left for an Anchorage district. So if you  
22 added that chunk to 15, you'd still be about 1800 people short.  
23 And the choices would be to spread that negative deviation  
24 amongst all the Mat-Su districts and just leave it at that, or  
25 to take 15, bring it into Anchorage and pick up some of

1 Anchorage's excess. And then shift everything back through the  
2 rest of the districts.

3 One of the issues is going to be once you come into  
4 Anchorage -- Eric, can you (indiscernible) about  
5 (indiscernible) the whole Chugiak area.

6 Once you come into Anchorage, there isn't a really  
7 clean boundary until you get to Peters Creek just about.....

8 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Right.

9 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: .....which is closer to 5,000  
10 people. If you come across the border and go short of Peters  
11 Creek, you're sort of just manually grabbing neighborhoods,  
12 about 20, putting them into districts. So if you wanted to  
13 cross the border, we need to find some kind of logical boundary  
14 to use.

15 Towards the end of the meeting on Saturday, we --  
16 Michael and I discussed some -- you know, what options would  
17 be. You know, they preferred that they want five districts  
18 wholly within their borders, but we also have over-populated  
19 districts in Anchorage, under-populated districts in Mat-Su,  
20 and we would think that there would be some sharing between the  
21 two -- between the borough and the municipality.

22 But this was the first step, just seeing how their  
23 proposal fit into what we had done.

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: You're talking about two percent  
25 positive deviation? I guess.

1 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It would be about a two percent  
2 negative deviation in this.....

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah, negative deviation. Oh, yeah,  
4 that's negative.

5 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And we know that we've got.....

6 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, that isn't all bad for the area  
7 that's growing the most of any.....

8 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Right.

9 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....to have a negative deviation.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And we know, because we sort of  
11 set that southern boundary for Anchorage, that Anchorage, if it  
12 doesn't shed anything to Mat-Su, would be about -- close to  
13 half a district, about .4 of a district over-populated. So the  
14 16 Anchorage districts, if nothing's changed, will have -- will  
15 start off about two percent over.

16 MS. McCONNOCHIE: That's not so bad.

17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Can you just make it run through  
18 some districts on Mat-Su.

19 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: All right.

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So their district 11 was the rural  
21 Mat-Su district.

22 CHAIR TORGERSON: So you would take a little bit of  
23 each one of those districts and put it up into 11 the best you  
24 could?

25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I think that's what you have to

1 do.

2 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah.

3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Or take a big chunk from one  
4 district and then.....

5 CHAIR TORGERSON: Although you have some good  
6 boundaries there. You're following that river or whatever that  
7 is.....

8 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Uh-huh.

9 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....it looks like on 12.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Close to 7 (ph).

11 CHAIR TORGERSON: Palmer and Mat -- Palmer and Wasilla  
12 are not under their separate districts?

13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: There are seven house districts.  
14 I believe that all of Wasilla is in district 13.

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.

16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And all of Palmer is in district  
17 14. Just some of those greater Palmer areas that we heard  
18 about from all appearance would not be included in the Palmer  
19 district, or this Palmer (indiscernible).

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Is 12 (indiscernible)

21 MS. McCONNOCHIE: It should be.

22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yes.

23 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah.

24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So -- and we started working on  
25 this about an hour before the meeting, and some thoughts were

1 that maybe we would look at all the plans we received, the AFFR  
2 plan, the AFFER plan. I believe that this is -- this closely  
3 follows the Rights Coalition plan, so we might not have to go  
4 there. And look at how those would fin in. And then look at  
5 what the impact would be if we did cross that border, and what  
6 the impact would be if we didn't cross the border.

7 MS. McCONNOCHIE: I like that idea.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: So you would have two or three  
9 options for tomorrow?

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I think so.

11 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Unless you wanted (indiscernible).

12 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Sure.

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: What's that?

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I have one, but.....

15 CHAIR TORGERSON: Oh, yeah, you -- okay. Yeah. All  
16 right. Any questions or thoughts on.....

17 MR. WHITE: I have one, Mr. Chairman. And just that's  
18 -- this is the current 12 in our rural plan, right? That data  
19 there?

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No, it's switched the numbers.  
21 The -- their 12 was a Mat-Su district.

22 MR. WHITE: Okay.

23 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So (indiscernible).....

24 MR. WHITE: I'm getting conflicting information. I  
25 looked at -- took a quick look at some stuff and I thought, and

1 maybe I'm just remembering wrong, that our district 12 that we  
2 drew -- wasn't it just about within a percent of being ideal,  
3 wasn't it?

4 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No. That was the one that went  
5 into Girdwood. The.....

6 MR. WHITE: What are we on.....

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So that -- yeah, it's about  
8 negative 4.9, so, I mean, we don't really have much.....

9 MR. WHITE: Okay. So it's pushing.....

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.

11 MR. WHITE: .....right on 5. Okay.

12 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And so another option might be to  
13 take that district 12 and bring it a little farther into the  
14 Mat-Su. And bring that district ideal, which would then  
15 probably give us enough leeway to bring a Mat-Su district far  
16 enough across the Anchorage -- the municipal boundary that  
17 there would be a logical boundary defined somewhere that could  
18 get us (indiscernible).

19 MR. WHITE: Because Jim was complaining about not  
20 having (indiscernible) in the population in Fairbanks, could  
21 you slop Fairbanks towards the Mat-Su population?

22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Sure. You could pull district 12  
23 out of the -- out of Fairbanks and go even farther into Mat-Su.  
24 I guess the issue might be you probably wouldn't want to take  
25 it past that the -- that .5 (indiscernible), Mike, and you

1 wouldn't want to take it -- you wouldn't want to leave Mat-su  
2 with 4.2 districts, and wouldn't you want to leave it with at  
3 least half of a district or more if you did that.

4 MR. WHITE: I would -- I think that would be the safest  
5 legal, yes.

6 CHAIR TORGERSON: And I'm not sure how to do that,  
7 either one of those. We put this district together because it  
8 closely resembled what we have now. And the problem is we're  
9 going to have to divide Mat-Su, that we would do it as close as  
10 what currently has stood the test of time over the last 10  
11 years, and this is the closest thing we've come up with. I  
12 mean, versus coming in the Mat -- you'd be into Fishhook  
13 and.....

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Right.

15 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....all the rest of the -- or Lazy  
16 Mountain if you went the other way. Or went any more in there.  
17 You have no choice. (Indiscernible) and fall in itself. But  
18 anyway you'll look at it, right?

19 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah. And those are the basic  
20 options, so we're happy to look at all of them if you want to  
21 narrow it down, if some of them don't seem reasonable. But  
22 really it's stop at the boundary, don't cross the Anchorage the  
23 Anchorage boundary; cross the Anchorage boundary, but only go  
24 so far as.....

25 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, Fairbanks had 8800 to give, and

1 we took about 10, right?

2 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: yeah, but not all of it went to  
3 (indiscernible).

4 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, I know. I understand that.

5 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So about -- you could shed another  
6 2,000 people out of there.

7 CHAIR TORGERSON: And pick up 2 more in Mat-Su and that  
8 -- I don't -- I'm not sure that that's -- So anyway, you can  
9 take a look at it.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible) have to do though  
11 is to adjust a couple of boundaries and (indiscernible) all of  
12 (indiscernible) about 3 percent under.....

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, that's what he said. I think  
14 that may be the way to go versus -- but we'll take a look at  
15 it.

16 Any other thoughts? Anything else.....

17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No.

18 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....(indiscernible)?

19 (No comments)

20 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. What's next for.....

21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Well, on this computer I have  
22 (indiscernible) thoughts (ph), Kenai (indiscernible). Or one  
23 of them.

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. Walk us through there, Bob. I  
25 guess it's pretty self-explanatory.

1 MR. BRODIE: It's pretty much along the lines of the  
2 current districts.

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: That would take Seward to -- how far  
4 up north did you go?

5 MR. BRODIE: Oh, with -- you have to go numbers 4, 5, 6  
6 to show that.....

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'm sorry.

8 MR. BRODIE: .....population.

9 CHAIR TORGERSON: All right. Go see where -- district  
10 4 is Kenai/Soldotna, a little bit of K Beach. It's basically  
11 the same one, but shrunk up a little bit I guess. And then  
12 district 5 is the rural district that we currently have.

13 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Is that pretty much the way it is  
14 right now?

15 CHAIR TORGERSON: Pretty much.

16 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Okay.

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: We grew, what, Bob, a couple  
18 thousand? So you spread the -- well, we took -- went down,  
19 took Kodiak -- or not Kodiak.

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Who is.....

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: Seldovia, Halibut Cove -- not Halibut  
22 Cove. We took.....

23 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.....

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: Or did we? Nanwalek, the lower  
25 peninsula went with Bethel to get the number up.

1 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Right.

2 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And that's.....

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: So we shed about -- probably 800 that  
4 way, and then it looked like Bob spread to 1200, but.....

5 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yes, it's the current districts in  
6 that.....

7 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Thank you.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. What was the other one that we  
9 had? Do you said that on Bob, or do you have another one?

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I don't.

11 CHAIR TORGERSON: Or did you get it?

12 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I found it.

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: Can you go to median and hook up?

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: All right.

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Where again?

16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: This block here is.....

17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.

18 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Change and go to medium.

19 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible) medium.

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible) and Bob presented.

21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: All right.

22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Based on (indiscernible).

23 CHAIR TORGERSON: Jim, have you figured out what day  
24 you're coming down yet?

25 MR. HOLM: Yeah, tomorrow morning.

1 CHAIR TORGERSON: Tomorrow morning, okay.

2 MR. HOLM: That's what I planned on.

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: All right. That's good.

4 MR. HOLM: Could Mary give me a ticket for early.

5 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yes. Okay.

6 MR. HOLM: Or that.....

7 CHAIR TORGERSON: Jim, go ask Mary.....

8 MR. HOLM: .....(indiscernible).

9 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....to get him a ticket. What  
10 flight, Jim?

11 MR. HOLM: Probably that 6:00 o'clock flight; that way  
12 we could get in and work a little bit before, you know.

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. She's got it. She's going to  
14 try right now and be sending you an email.

15 MR. HOLM: Okay. Thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I think my computer jumped across  
17 here.

18 MR. BRODIE: It was massaging this one around -- we  
19 changed this one over a little bit to have Seward be the one --  
20 Seward wanted to pair with Anchorage in as much as it's closer  
21 on the road system. And I built the Kenai/Soldotna just the  
22 same. I needed to just adjust a couple of precincts here, put  
23 some of 2 into 3. Anyway pretty be even right around this two  
24 percent over, maybe a little different. Maybe three. But it  
25 would take the north end of the Kenai Peninsula and pair it

1 with Anchorage.

2 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Could you just move back just a  
3 little bit, Bob, please? Thank you.

4 MR. BRODIE: So just that change. A couple of  
5 precincts here.

6 MS. McCONNOCHIE: The other one, what would the pairing  
7 with Anchorage be?

8 MR. WHITE: You're thinking about senate pairing?

9 CHAIR TORGERSON: Pretty much the same.

10 MR. BRODIE: It would have been Seward, Seward and  
11 Homer, the lower Kenai Peninsula with Anchorage as opposed to  
12 the upper Kenai with Anchorage.

13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: You're talking about the senate  
14 pairing?

15 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yeah.

16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, no, it wouldn't -- no, you'd  
18 pair the rural seat. It wouldn't be Homer.....

19 MR. BRODIE: Well, our.....

20 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....on the other one. That's.....

21 MR. BRODIE: It -- the other plan had Homer and Seward  
22 together.

23 CHAIR TORGERSON: Correct, but your Anchorage -- your  
24 senate pairing would have been -- the main difference that I  
25 see is this one ties Seward -- you might be able to make the

1 case easier that Seward is more directly connected to  
2 Anchorage.

3 MR. BRODIE: Okay. Okay.

4 CHAIR TORGERSON: And the rural part, the Nikiski,  
5 Point Possession and whatever else we have up there, didn't  
6 really change in either one of the plans. They're still -- but  
7 the other plan came down, you're taking Ninilchik and maybe, I  
8 don't know, down as far -- I don't know how far south it went  
9 past Ninilchik. You were pairing that with Anchorage.

10 MR. BRODIE: Yeah. So I can go in here and just -- if  
11 I move 300 people right in this area or right here, and apply  
12 it, then all the precincts will be in balance, and all the  
13 districts within three to four percent excess.

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Bob, is this similar to what we  
15 looked at on Saturday? The first plan you put together?

16 MR. BRODIE: No. The Saturday one was the one Eric  
17 showed. It had Seward and Homer together.

18 CHAIR TORGERSON: No, I think it was this one.

19 MR. BRODIE: Oh, was it this one?

20 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah. Uh-huh.

21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It was this one.

22 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yeah, it was.....

23 MR. BRODIE: Okay.

24 MS. McCONNOCHIE: .....it was this one.

25 CHAIR TORGERSON: It was this one.

1 MS. McCONNOCHIE: The road connection to Anchorage  
2 makes a lot more sense.

3 MR. WHITE: If you're talking about house districts.  
4 It's -- I mean, the senate only has to be contiguous.

5 MS. McCONNOCHIE: I understand that. Still with the  
6 senate district it makes more sense, trying to take commonality  
7 between two districts.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, it's just the lower end. One  
9 end is Ninilchik or whatever, and the other end is Seward. You  
10 have a better case making Seward I think, because it's  
11 connected by road to Anchorage.

12 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Right.

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: And keep folks in Seward -- there's a  
14 lot of folks there's a lot of folks travel back and forth.  
15 Ninilchik, not so much. On a senate pairing.

16 MR. WHITE: And how does this affect, Mr. Chairman, the  
17 senate pairings out of Anchorage? Do we have to pair Anchorage  
18 outside somewhere else? Do we have a stray senate seat  
19 somewhere if you paired Kenai and Anchorage?

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: You have two outside Anchorage  
21 districts or senate seats.

22 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well.....

23 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: South Mat-Su or north Kenai.

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: We've got one to give no matter how  
25 we draw it, if that's what you're asking. We only have three

1 house seats.

2 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Right.

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: So we have to pair it somewhere. And  
4 historically that north Kenai, north to -- whatever that  
5 district was, and pair it with south Anchorage. But how does  
6 it affect the entire pairings, I don't know. In Fairbanks  
7 you've got one to give and Mat-Su has one to give.

8 MR. WHITE: Do you know of any historical precedent for  
9 pairing across the Inlet to Mat-Su, rural Mat-Su and rural  
10 Kenai?

11 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No.

12 MR. WHITE: That would be another way (indiscernible)

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: Not -- it's not historical.

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And the way this is headed, it  
15 might (indiscernible).....

16 CHAIR TORGERSON: It does alleviate one of the problems  
17 if we run -- because we have three districts, three chunks,  
18 Mat-Su, Anchorage and Kenai -- or Mat-Su, Fairbanks, and Kenai  
19 that have odd numbers to match up. They'll all be looking for  
20 somebody to match.

21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Well, Mat-Su

22 CHAIR TORGERSON: Although Fairbanks is taken care of  
23 probably with 12.

24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah. And Mat-Su has.....

25 MR. HOLM: Yeah, I think so.

1 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: .....only has one way to go and  
2 Kenai really has only one way to go.

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: Right. So Mat-Su will come into  
4 Anchorage and Kenai will go into Anchorage. Or at least -- I  
5 don't know. That's one option.

6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So here we go with 12 for either  
7 Kenai or Anchor -- or Mat-Su, then Fairbanks would have  
8 (indiscernible).

9 MR. BRODIE: Well, here I just grabbed a few blocks and  
10 we're within three and four, so we can adjust a couple of  
11 these, either the wrong (ph) color, do the one across the Inlet  
12 thing on the lower side of the Kenai River for making up the  
13 difference. So we can clean that up. So it's just a different  
14 philosophy of how we want to go.

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So taking the population we do for  
16 the Kodiak district you're over-populating?

17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Over-population (indiscernible)  
18 for three, is that (indiscernible).....

19 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah.

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Those are all positive deviations  
21 there, is that right?

22 CHAIR TORGERSON: Those are positive, right.

23 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We gave this to Bethel.

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: We took that to Bethel.

25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Oh, okay.

1 CHAIR TORGERSON: To get the count up high enough to --  
2 so that pairing we had would come up to over 45 percent.

3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So whether those people know  
4 they're in Bethel yet.

5 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mike, you had a positive, you  
6 know, on the peninsula, about 3,000, so, you know, taking them  
7 off (indiscernible) Bethel. I guess.....

8 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: As Harry (ph) put it, that's part  
9 of the -- this house seat, right? That's part of the Kodiak  
10 house seat?

11 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah, I think Bob's just working  
12 with all (indiscernible). That would go over to Bethel.

13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: The adopted version had this  
14 (indiscernible).

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Gotcha.

16 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah.

17 MR. BRODIE: So up here to Kenai and then a little  
18 different than Taylor.....

19 CHAIR TORGERSON: Mat-Su?

20 MR. BRODIE: Mat-Su, sorry. We -- these are pretty  
21 much the original districts of Mat -- of Homer -- I mean,  
22 Palmer and Wasilla, switched districts -- or Palmer/ Wasilla.  
23 And we just cut the tops off to bring them down to the desired  
24 level.

25 And then I went out here to the river here with the

1 Palmer area. And then when we get out to Big Lake and Point  
2 McKenzie, I brought up all the way under here.

3 Then the rural areas here to the west went north,  
4 stayed on the road system. It went all the way to the top of  
5 the borough. And nobody (indiscernible, coughing) that one  
6 here, so we could switch it out. But it followed a VTD line.

7 And then over here on the eastern boundary -- oh, and  
8 then.....

9 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Hit the numbers for those?

10 MR. BRODIE: .....I don't know (indiscernible). But I  
11 have to switch something here. I was still in the lower Kenai  
12 version. Kenai is (indiscernible). You probably won't see it,  
13 but it's the same for Wasilla and Palmer, but this reflects  
14 district 12 coming in here to pouch people. So all this stayed  
15 the same. All this pretty much stayed the same, with the  
16 exception of some minor little adjustments on the fringe to  
17 spread the lows out over here. So where 13, 14, 15 -- 13, 14,  
18 15, 16, 17. So you can see we're all pretty much within -- and  
19 with a little bit of adjustment, I can get it all to minus 2 I  
20 think with just a couple little takings here and there.

21 The major difference I think from Taylor's is he built  
22 on -- over here, came under, and then this one went up there,  
23 and mine just went in under Palmer and Wasilla. I came across  
24 the river here, and everything can be made to the three percent  
25 -- or between two and three under. And it reflects 12 going up

1 here as we had it last week. And then this just puts Point  
2 McKenzie and Big Lake together whereas the other one didn't.  
3 It makes this one a pretty much rural district going up the  
4 highway.

5 CHAIR TORGERSON: How do you hook into Anchorage -- I  
6 mean, your -- you used the Anchorage boundary as your boundary?

7 MR. BRODIE: Yeah.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay.

9 MR. BRODIE: Everything is within the Mat-Su boundary.

10 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay.

11 MR. BRODIE: Remain -- then being -- these lower  
12 boundaries are the same as these. They've always been, except  
13 I went across the highway here.

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: Uh-huh.

15 MR. BRODIE: So it's one way or the other.

16 CHAIR TORGERSON: I like that, too.

17 MR. BRODIE: And then trying to keep this the way it's  
18 been for the last 10 years here, people in their own districts,  
19 and didn't have to move.

20 MS. GREENE: Yeah.

21 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Can you overlay the old district  
22 lines on that, too, please?

23 MR. BRODIE: Can you show me how to do that, Eric?

24 MR. SANDBERG: Again I'm not showing that on the  
25 computer.

1 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Oh, I'm sorry. I did not.....

2 CHAIR TORGERSON: Oh, yeah, (indiscernible) 709 (ph).

3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Can you just scroll out a little,  
4 Bob?

5 MR. BRODIE: Huh?

6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Scroll out a little.

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Just have Mary or (indiscernible).

8 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yeah. House districts. Thank you.

9 MR. BRODIE: See, it changes because this area gained a  
10 district.

11 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yeah, I realize that.

12 MR. BRODIE: So these are all the same down here. We  
13 just took the excess off the top.

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. What I'm thinking is going  
15 back to the Kenai Peninsula. I think we can adopt that one  
16 today maybe. I don't know. What I was thinking is to have --  
17 go ahead and have Eric run -- print off -- I don't care what  
18 the deviations are. We can tighten those up. We basically  
19 have two concepts. The Nikiski/Seward idea or Seward to Homer  
20 district.

21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Uh-huh.

22 CHAIR TORGERSON: And if we can get those printed off  
23 where we can look at them, and then we could continue with  
24 discussion. Or did you guys want.....

25 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yeah, I think (indiscernible, cell

1 phone ringing).....

2 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....to think about that tomorrow  
3 or.....

4 MS. McCONNOCHIE: .....no, that would be great. Let's  
5 do that.

6 CHAIR TORGERSON: How long would that take?

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Well, it's -- we put it on Bob's  
8 computer, so.....

9 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: .....it might take a little  
11 longer, but it's -- yeah.

12 CHAIR TORGERSON: About 10 minutes?

13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible) minutes.

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah. How many?

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: 10 to 20. 17.

16 (Laughter)

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: 15? Jim, we're going to take a --  
18 and to get those -- we're going to take a recess for about 15  
19 minutes while we print off these maps and see if we can't find  
20 some agreement on the Kenai Peninsula, to get that adopted  
21 into the plan today. So as soon as we get those, we'll --  
22 well, I guess you've got them already on the computer.

23 MR. HOLM: I've got them right here, yeah.

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah. Okay. Then I want to have  
25 them where I can look at them. So we're going to take a --

1 until about five after, a short.....

2 MR. HOLM: Yeah, I'll be here.

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....short recess.

4 MR. HOLM: Thank you.

5 (Off record)

6 (On record)

7 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. We'll call the meeting back to  
8 order. The time is 3:06. And we have printed of two options  
9 for the Kenai Peninsula we have labeled the Homer to Seward  
10 option and we have labeled the Nikiski to Seward option.

11 And I -- I'll just -- my thought -- the Homer to Seward  
12 option is the existing seat, which brings some continuity.

13 MS. McCONNOCHIE: But I'd probably argue that the  
14 Seward to Anchorage, Nikiski to Seward option is more  
15 socioeconomically integrated along this particular line than  
16 necessarily the Homer to Seward option.

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: I think (indiscernible).....

18 MR. WHITE: They're all within the border of the.....

19 CHAIR TORGERSON: Pardon me?

20 MR. WHITE: They're all within the border of the  
21 borough?

22 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yes.

23 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Oh, I know.

24 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah, it -- either one of them works.  
25 I'm just thinking senate pairings is what I was talking about

1 before. But it -- the Seward/Nikiski option has about one-  
2 third of that district that's on the eastern side of the  
3 peninsula, which is connected by the Seward Highway. And so  
4 they're -- it might be more integrated into Anchorage than  
5 Ninilchik/Clam Gulch for a senate pairing.

6 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Plus it's -- I always like to speak  
7 when there's a motion that we can speak to. I'll go ahead and  
8 mo -- accept as -- I'll put forward a motion to accept Nikiski  
9 to Seward option as an in-concept pairing -- or in-concept map  
10 for the Kenai Peninsula.

11 CHAIR TORGERSON: Is there a second.

12 MS. GREENE: I'll second the motion.

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: Thank you.

14 MS. McCONNOCHIE: I think just looking at it, it makes  
15 more sense to me, because in essence Bob kept Kenai/Soldotna  
16 the same in both, correct?

17 MR. BRODIE: Exactly, yes.

18 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yeah. So that's not -- that's not my  
19 problem. But I think you're right, I think that Ninilchik,  
20 Happy Valley, (indiscernible) Point, (indiscernible) Kachemak.  
21 I like how that you've done that district, Bob, especially  
22 including all the way up to Kasilof. And I think that the  
23 other side, Seward, Bear Creek, Crown Point, Moose Pass, has  
24 more commonality in the senate pairing, I'll just say that out  
25 loud, going up to Anchorage than necessarily the old district

1 has.

2 CHAIR TORGERSON: Of course, you know this will change  
3 some, because we didn't -- Bob didn't actually get the  
4 deviations nailed down, but whatever they change, they'll all  
5 be within the city -- within the borough boundary. Right, Bob?  
6 You're.....

7 MR. BRODIE: Yes.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....you're not outside the borough  
9 boundary anywhere?

10 MR. BRODIE: No.

11 CHAIR TORGERSON: So we -- on a bigger scale, we  
12 intersected into the Kenai Borough once, and that's moving  
13 Tyonek, Nanwalek, Seldovia, Halibut Cove over to the Bethel  
14 district, whatever -- 37 I guess.

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yes.

16 CHAIR TORGERSON: Now 36 in the one we adopted, but  
17 that's where.....

18 MR. HOLM: Taylor, you kicked me off.

19 MR. BICKFORD: You're kicked off? Yeah. I stopped  
20 showing (indiscernible).....

21 MR. HOLM: Yeah, I'm kicked off.

22 MR. BICKFORD: .....I had to (indiscernible).....

23 MR. HOLM: I'm still connected to the meeting, but I  
24 have no screen.

25 MR. BICKFORD: Eric is getting a PDF of the maps pulled

1 up, and he didn't want everyone to see his email, so.....

2 MR. SANDBERG: Yeah.

3 MR. BICKFORD: .....he shut it off for a minute.

4 MR. SANDBERG: They don't have.....

5 MR. HOLM: Okay.

6 MR. SANDBERG: .....they didn't show up in my email,  
7 but.....

8 MR. BICKFORD: It didn't? We're working on it, Jim.

9 MR. HOLM: I'm like a (indiscernible) up here.

10 MR. BICKFORD: There it is.

11 CHAIR TORGERSON: Are you back on now?

12 MR. BICKFORD: Hold on.

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: Oh.

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Technology.

15 MR. HOLM: Mr. Chairman. Could you restate the motion?

16 CHAIR TORGERSON: The motion is to adopt Nikiski to  
17 Seward option in concept. Like we are everything else, we're  
18 adopting it in concept. Do you have that map?

19 MR. HOLM: Yeah, I had it a minute ago. I just don't  
20 have it this moment. Yeah.

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: And the discussion primarily is just  
22 thinking about senate pairings, because we'll more than likely  
23 have to pair with Anchorage, and Seward is more closely  
24 integrated to Anchorage than would be the lower Peninsula, Clam  
25 Gulch to Ninilchik to whatever.

1 MR. HOLM: Yeah, I would agree with that.

2 CHAIR TORGERSON: So we're waiting until you get copies  
3 of the map, and then we'll vote I guess.

4 MS. GREENE: Mr. Chairman. While we're waiting.....

5 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yes.

6 MS. GREENE: .....since we're still on discussion.

7 CHAIR TORGERSON: Go ahead.

8 MS. GREENE: Is this in line then with the testimony  
9 when -- what was -- what were some of the thoughts when --  
10 wasn't.....

11 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, senate pairings.....

12 MS. GREENE: .....there a trip to Seward?

13 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....weren't part of the thoughts.

14 MS. GREENE: Yeah.

15 CHAIR TORGERSON: I think at that time.....

16 MS. GREENE: But I.....

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....we were talking about.....

18 MS. GREENE: .....where the lines are?

19 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....senate pairing with Kodiak/  
20 Ketchikan.

21 MS. GREENE: Uh-huh.

22 CHAIR TORGERSON: So we were like half a world off in  
23 that thought process.

24 MR. BICKFORD: All right. I -- you have to.....

25 CHAIR TORGERSON: The.....

1 MR. BRODIE: .....(indiscernible).....

2 CHAIR TORGERSON: And we thought.....

3 MR. HOLM: I have it now, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIR TORGERSON: All right. Thanks. And the thought  
5 at that time in our original drawing was Seward would go to  
6 Kodiak. That we weren't sure that we could keep it all -- the  
7 three districts within the Kenai. So Representative Seaton  
8 would like his seat to remain the same. That was pretty clear.  
9 And now I -- any other testimony? Was it Homer -- we were  
10 talking about such different maps that this was never really  
11 laid out quite like this, so.....

12 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No.

13 MS. GREENE: Okay.

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Board option 1 and 2 were  
15 different.

16 MS. GREENE: Okay.

17 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah, they were just different,  
18 so.....

19 MS. McCONNOCHIE: In fact it might be a really good  
20 idea to get these guys down and put up.....

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: Absolutely.

22 MS. McCONNOCHIE: .....what we've accepted.....

23 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah.

24 MS. McCONNOCHIE: .....in concept just to kind of.....

25 CHAIR TORGERSON: Oh, the ones up here.

1 MS. McCONNOCHIE: .....keep people apprised of it.

2 MS. GREENE: Uh-huh.

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: Can you do that, Taylor?

4 MR. BICKFORD: Yeah.

5 MS. GREENE: Thank you.

6 MR. BICKFORD: I remember in the Seward hearing that  
7 Seward said they prefer to be with -- they were fine with being  
8 with Kodiak, but they would rather be with Kenai -- the  
9 peninsula and also (indiscernible).

10 MS. GREENE: Thank you.

11 MR. BICKFORD: But I don't remember if they said.....

12 CHAIR TORGERSON: We didn't make them.....

13 MR. BICKFORD: .....which part of the.....

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....the option. We were talking  
15 such different senate pairings that it never came up.

16 MS. McCONNOCHIE: But they talked about more that they  
17 did prefer the Kenai area than Kodiak?

18 MR. BICKFORD: Yeah.

19 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, yeah.

20 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Have.....

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: The Kodiak -- the senator from Kodiak  
22 currently represents them, so they were happy with Kodiak --  
23 you know, as far as the senate pairings.

24 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

25 CHAIR TORGERSON: But that's not an option in today's

1 world, no matter which way we do our senate pairing with.....

2 MR. HOLM: Yeah.

3 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....with Dillingham, Bethel and all  
4 that business. We're still going to have a full house seat to  
5 match up somewhere.

6 Any more discussion on the motion.

7 (No comments)

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. The question is shall the  
9 board adopt in concept the Nikiski to Seward option as  
10 presented. Roll call vote, please.

11 MR. BICKFORD: John Torgerson.

12 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yes.

13 MR. BICKFORD: PeggyAnn McConnochie.

14 MS. McCONNOCHIE: Yes.

15 MR. BICKFORD: Marie Greene.

16 MS. GREENE: Yes.

17 MR. BICKFORD: Bob Brodie.

18 MR. BRODIE: Yes.

19 MR. BICKFORD: Jim Holm.

20 MR. HOLM: Yes.

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: And so by a vote of five to zero,  
22 five ayes, zero nays, the board has adopted the Nikiski to  
23 Seward option.

24 That -- did you need something?

25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible)

1 CHAIR TORGERSON: Oh, (indiscernible). My man's on the  
2 job. I think that will conclude our business of today. It --  
3 we want to tomorrow review Mat-Su maps, so, Bob, you can keep  
4 refining yours.

5 And, Taylor, you're basically starting with their --  
6 with the Borough's suggestion. Was that passed by the assembly  
7 or is that just the borough mayor? What was that?

8 MR. BICKFORD: We'll have to doublecheck.

9 CHAIR TORGERSON: Yeah. Check, get us that  
10 information.

11 And then we will -- I know it was presented by the  
12 mayor, Mr. DeVilbiss. But, anyway, you work on that angle.

13 MR. BICKFORD: Yeah, I'll get with.....

14 CHAIR TORGERSON: And, Bob.....

15 MR. BICKFORD: .....staff on that (indiscernible).....

16 CHAIR TORGERSON: .....I like Bob's -- I mean, when you  
17 did the overlay, it kept everything kind of where it was at.  
18 so let's look at those and have those prepared.

19 Jim, you'll have a Fairbanks prepared for us?

20 MR. HOLM: Yes.

21 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. And then we will -- we'll take  
22 that up. So more than likely we'll start the morning with an  
23 executive session. How long do you think? Maybe a half hour  
24 just for.....

25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible)

1 CHAIR TORGERSON: Well, just so people know, maybe we  
2 ought to -- we'll start the meeting at 10, but just so people  
3 know, maybe we'll come into public session by 11?

4 MR. WHITE: Clearly by then.

5 CHAIR TORGERSON: And if we finish up a little early,  
6 then I can support education and.....

7 MR. WHITE: You could.

8 CHAIR TORGERSON: Does that sound fair?

9 MS. GREENE: Uh-huh. Yes, it does.

10 CHAIR TORGERSON: Then you guys will know if you want  
11 to come back tomorrow, you come at 11, and we'll go into  
12 executive session right at 10. You're welcome to come in and  
13 then go out -- and wait or whatever, but we'll come into -- if  
14 we finish our executive session prior to 11:00 o'clock, we'll  
15 just stand in recess until 11, and then we'll start the meeting  
16 at 11. And then my guess is we'll probably take a recess after  
17 that, maybe 12:00, 12:30, 1:00 o'clock, and then we'll come  
18 back in around 3:00 to take care of whatever business we have  
19 or instructions on new maps or whatever.

20 Is there anything else to come before us today.

21 (No comments)

22 CHAIR TORGERSON: Okay. Hearing none, the board will  
23 stand adjourned. The time is 3:17. Thanks. We'll talk -- see  
24 you tomorrow, Jim.

25 MR. HOLM: Okay. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TORGERSON: We are adjourned.

2 (Off record)

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