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SPEAKER MOORE: The House will come to 1 2 order. Members and guests will take their seats. Visitors will retire from the chamber. 3 The 4 Sergeant-At-Arms will close the doors. We ask all 5 members and all quests with us today to silence any electronic devices. 6 7 This afternoon's prayer will be offered by 8 Representative Arp. We ask members, guests and 9 visitors to please stand, those in the gallery as 10 well, and remain standing for the pledge of 11 allegiance. 12 Representative Arp. 13 REPRESENTATIVE ARP: Thank you. If you 14 would like, you may join with me in prayer. 15 Our heavenly father, we pause before you 16 this morning to open our session. Lord, we have many 17 emotions on our hearts, great joy and the celebration of youth and victory and celebration, but, Lord, also 18 19 we have great concerns in our hearts for our fellow 20 citizens in Texas, and even North Carolinians who have 21 gone on down, both with volunteers and professionals, 22 to help out with relief efforts. Lord, our hearts 23 turn to them and ask for their safety that you provide 24 them, Lord, that you minimum loss of life and that we 25 grow together as a country and community, Lord,

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1 through that which me makes us a strong as a nation 2 because you've loved us and given us the spirit of 3 love to help our fellow man.

As we undertake the business of this state I pray that you give us wisdom, humbleness and a genuine desire to love and those who you love to serve those in this great state. Lord, we just lift our efforts to you, ask that you bless them and give us wisdom and guidance to make the right decision. As we honor you with all we do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

AUDIENCE: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Harnett,Representative Lewis, recognized for a motion.

17REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, the18Journal for August 29th has been examined and found to19be correct. I move that it be approved as written.

20 SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Lewis moves 21 that the Journal of August 29th be approved as 22 written. Those in favor say Aye; those opposed say 23 No. The Ayes have it. The Journal is approved as 24 written.

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The gentleman from Pitt, Representative

Page 4 Murphy, is recognized to speak to a point of personal 1 2 privilege as well as the representative statement if 3 the gentleman desires. 4 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Thank you, Mr. 5 Speaker. We have a --6 SPEAKER MOORE: Just a moment, the House 7 will come to order. The gentleman has the floor. 8 **REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY:** Statement of 9 personal privilege and recognize that I would like the Clerk to read. 10 SPEAKER MOORE: The Clerk will read in its 11 12 entirety. 13 HOUSE CLERK: A Representative Statement, 14 recognizing the North State Little League Team. 15 Whereas, the Little League Baseball World 16 Series took place in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, 17 between August 17th and 27th of, 2017; and Whereas, the State of North Carolina was 18 19 represented in the World Series by the North State 20 Little League Team from Greenville, North Carolina; 21 and 22 Whereas, North State defeated South 23 Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia to become 24 the Southeastern region tournament champions; and 25 Whereas, North State went on to defeat the

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1	regional tournament champions from the Midstate, Sioux
2	Falls, South Dakota, by a score of 6-0; the West,
3	Rancho Santa Margarita, California, by the score of
4	16-0; and the Southwest, Lufkin, Texas, by a score of
5	2-1; and
6	Whereas, North State's outstanding pitching
7	earned the team's place in history by becoming the
8	first team in the Little League Baseball World Series
9	not to allow any hits in two consecutive games; and
10	Whereas, North State was defeated by Lufkin
11	the United States championship game and by Mexico in
12	the consolation game; and
13	Whereas, North State finished the World
14	Series as second in the nation and fourth in the
15	world;
16	Now, therefore, the members of the North
17	State Little League Team and their coaches have
18	brought great honor to the City of Greenville and the
19	State of North Carolina for their outstanding
20	performance and sportsmanship during the 2017 Little
21	League Baseball World Series and deserve to be honored
22	for their accomplishments.
23	In Witness Whereof, the undersigned
24	certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the
25	House and placed upon the Journal on the 30th day of

<ol> <li>August, 2017. Submitted by Representative Gregory</li> <li>Murphy. House Principal Clerk, James White.</li> <li>SPEAKER MOORE: Gentleman from Pitt has the</li> <li>floor to speak to a point of personal privilege.</li> <li>REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Thank you, Mr.</li> <li>Speaker.</li> <li>Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you 12</li> <li>young men and young men who have honored our state</li> <li>and they are now fourth in the world. With your</li> <li>pleasure I would like to call each one, and as I call</li> <li>their name, if they would stand.</li> <li>Jacob Calder, JoeJoe Bryne, Will Casey, Drev</li> <li>Fields, Chase Anderson, Ashton Byers, Cameron</li> <li>Greenway, Luke Lambert, Bryce Jackson, Cash</li> <li>Daniels-Moye, Thomas Barrett, Matthew Matthijs.</li> <li>Mathias, thank you. Carson Hardee. Coaches: Jake</li> <li>Allen, Coach Mike Vaughn. Coach Team Manager, Brian</li> </ol>	
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17 Allen, Coach Mike Vaughn. Coach Team Manager, Brian	
18 Fields, and batting cleanup, Team Mom, Wagner Grubb.	
19 Thank you all, thank you all for the	
20 (Applause.)	
21 Thank you all for the memories that you've	
22 given us. I have a little something extra to say to	
23 you guys:	
Take me out to the ball game, take me to see	:
25 our All Stars. They've been pounding the baseball to	,

Page 7 bits, giving their opponents all kind of fits. 1 Let me 2 root, root, root for our young men, they've 3 represented us so well. For it's one, two, teams they 4 sent home as their victories start to swell. 5 Verse Two: Take me to see our All Stars, 6 their journey began months ago. Hours of practice 7 learning techniques, pitching the baseball like major 8 league freaks. Let them hit, pitch and run, mow the 9 other teams down like grass. For it's one, two series 10 they won by kicking them in the pants. Take Coach Fields, Allen and Vaughn, Wagner 11 12 Grubb, the team mom, traveling all over God's green 13 earth, draining all the money from their parents' 14 purse, but we root, root, root for our young men. Go 15 rescue me, rescue the day because it's one, two hot 16 dogs chugged down as we jump back in the fray. 17 Last: More wins in Williamsport, not ours. That's just the breaks of the game, but champions in 18 19 our mind you'll always be, memories everlasting for 20 all there to see. We'll always root, root, root for our state team. You surely have stolen our hearts, 21 22 for as victors here you'll always be seen when the 23 next season starts. 24 Congratulations, gentlemen. Thank you for a 25 job well done.

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1	(APPLAUSE.)
2	SPEAKER MOORE: Folks, no doubt we can tell
3	clearly the ability to sing is not required to serve
4	in the House of Representatives.
5	For what purpose does the gentleman from
6	Scotland, Representative Pierce, rise?
7	REPRESENTATIVE PIERCE: To ask the member a
8	question.
9	SPEAKER MOORE: Does the gentleman from Pitt
10	yield to the gentleman from Scotland? He yields.
11	REPRESENTATIVE PIERCE: Who were the other
12	two persons on the up front at the I don't think
13	you called their names; could you tell us who they
14	are, please?
15	REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: That is Ms. Candy
16	Smith, and is one of the coach's dads, who I can't
17	remember. It's Jeff Fires.
18	REPRESENTATIVE PIERCE: Thank you.
19	(APPLAUSE.)
20	SPEAKER MOORE: On behalf of my colleagues
21	now we appreciate you all being with us today. I tell
22	you a lot of folks here were paying close attention to
23	the games and were watching, and really are very proud
24	of the hard work you did here, you and the support of
25	your families to be traveling around the State and the

1	country. And so, you've made North Carolina very
2	proud, and I know that no doubt years from now when
3	you are a little older and you look back, you are
4	going to appreciate even more what you all
5	accomplished, not only for yourselves, but also your
б	for Greenville and your home state. And I would
7	ask my colleagues actually, does Representative
8	Richardson for what purpose does the lady from
9	Franklin, Representative Richardson, rise?
10	REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Thank you,
11	Mr. Speaker. I would just like to rise and
12	congratulate my soror. My mayor and Candy Smith,
13	she's a Delta, and we're so proud of her and her team
14	and we say congratulations to all of you. All the
15	Deltas around are very proud of you. Thank you.
16	(APPLAUSE.)
17	SPEAKER MOORE: But, again, I know and I
18	know you all are on a tight schedule. Once again,
19	thank you all, and I ask my colleagues to please join
20	me again in congratulating these these folks.
21	(APPLAUSE.)
22	SPEAKER MOORE: Thanks again. Y'all are
23	welcome to stay with us here in session, or we'll put
24	you we'll put you to work here very quickly.
25	Otherwise, thank you for being with us. All right,

Page 10 thanks, y'all. 1 2 Senate Bill 691, the Clerk will read. HOUSE CLERK: Senate Bill 691, a bill to 3 4 enact to realign the districts of election of the 5 North Carolina Senate. General Assembly of North Carolina annex. 6 7 SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Harnett, 8 Representative Lewis, is recognized to address the 9 bill. 10 REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, may I 11 make a request to the Chair? 12 SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman may state his 13 request. 14 REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, may I 15 have staff on the floor to aid me? 16 SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is permitted 17 to have staff on the floor. 18 REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. 19 Speaker. 20 SPEAKER MOORE: And any other members who wish to have staff on the floor, the permission is 21 2.2 extended as well. 23 The gentlemen has the floor. 24 REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. 25 Speaker.

Mr. Speaker and Members, the Senate map complies with state and federal law, it adheres to traditional districting principles and it remedies defects the court found in the previous map. It splits fewer counties and divides far fewer precincts and fewer municipalities than previous plans for this body.

8 The only members double bunked are those 9 forced by the county grouping formula, and that is 10 exclusively to the detriment of the majority party in 11 this map. It fully cures the defects found by the 12 Covington Court, and, for the record, I will note that 13 this statement also applies to the House map.

14 At multiple points during the House debate, in committee and on the floor, members of the 15 16 Democratic Party revealed that they had requested and 17 received a statistical package that included the race for the 2017 House Redistricting Plan and they 18 19 accepted amendment to Wake County that was passed 20 yesterday. In addition, an Associated Press reporter has apparently also seen these statistics provided by 21 22 the minority party. This data has already been 23 released for the proposed Senate plan via request from 24 Senator Floyd McKissick of Durham.

So that there wasn't an asymmetry of

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information, yesterday morning I asked for central staff to prepare the full statistical package for the House plan as it passed on the House floor yesterday and posted to the House Select Committee on Redistricting's website. It has been posted there since yesterday just before the Senate committee considered our plan.

8 To be clear, race was not used in drawing of 9 the map, and I did not request or see this information 10 for the House plan until yesterday after the House 11 plan passed this chamber. Since yesterday I have reviewed this data for our plan and believe it fully 12 13 remedies the racial issues the court identified in the 14 previous map. It also avoids any theoretical vote delusion claims under Section II of the Voting Rights 15 16 Act.

An additional export -- pardon me. An additional report from the democratic plaintiff expert, Dr. Alan Lichman, has been entered into the Senate record, and I believe the report is relevant to our plans as well. Further, I believe our map complies with traditional redistricting principles outlined by the court.

24 Members, to get back to the map before us 25 today, I believe the Senate map complies with the

committee's adopted criteria, state and federal law.
 For those reasons, I ask for your support in voting
 green to adopt this Senate map. Thank you, Mr.
 Speaker.

5 SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the 6 gentleman from Cumberland, Representative Richardson, 7 rise?

8 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: To debate the9 bill.

10 SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized 11 to debate the bill.

12 REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS: Members of the 13 General Assembly, I thought long and hard about 14 speaking on this, and I felt moved by one of our colleague's comments in the last debate on the House 15 plan, and that was Judge Joe John. To me he is like 16 17 the E.F. Hutton of our body. When he talks, we ought to listen. And there's several -- what makes this 18 19 place so magical and special is there are several of 20 us like that. Representative McGrady is like that. 21 And those wonderful, wise people when they get up and 22 speak, they transcend party, they transcend the ages 23 and they're a part of this body's politic that makes 24 it special.

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And we are at our best when we get away from

party, and we get away from the caucus and what the 1 2 caucus wants us to do and we follow our hearts. And I 3 know that each of you in 2008, if you ran in 2008 and 4 you were elected, one of the things you ran on and one 5 of the things I ran on is that if I got in this body 6 and was reelected to this body again, that I would 7 support and fight with all I could to make sure that 8 we had impartial redistricting.

9 Now listen to what Representative Lewis just 10 said. It comply -- we have had this expert that says 11 it complies with this law, and we've had this expert say it complies with split districts, and we've had 12 13 this looked at by numerous other people, and we've 14 done this and we have done that to comply with the 15 court order. Think about what your common sense is 16 saying to what he just said there and what we put that 17 man through in the last three weeks trying to draw these districts. What all's we had to do and all we 18 19 should do is what Judge John said two days ago and 20 that is follow our hearts, follow what people want us to do and say to the court here's how we're going to 21 22 solve this problem. We are going to put six 23 republicans of impeccable character on a commission 24 and six democrats with impeccable character on the 25 commission and we're going to let them draw the

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1 districts.

2 Citizens ought to draw the districts that we 3 are elected in and not us. When we were in power, we 4 messed it up. You all ran and said you were going to 5 fix it and now that you're in power, power is a very 6 seductive thing, you all are messing it up. We ought 7 to be ashamed of ourselves, and we ought to do the 8 right thing, and the right thing here is I sat in 9 these public hearings. Folks, people took the time 10 from their jobs, from their homes, from their daily 11 lives to come to those public hearings, what little 12 bit of public hearings we gave them, and they made their voices clear, almost unanimous. Every person 13 14 that came to those things almost to a -- almost to a 15 person is almost unanimous demanded from us that we 16 have a fair and impartial redistricting, and the only 17 way to do it is to get us out of it and let the citizens draw the lines. 18

I would encourage each of us to vote against this, send it back to our caucuses and demand that we all go united to the court and say, court, we want a fair and impartial commission to do this. It is a fundamentally right thing to do, and each of us in our hearts know that that is the right things to do, and each one of us at one time or another has campaigned

Page 16 and told our constituents that we would do that. 1 And 2 one of these days the citizens are going to have 3 enough of these broken promises and they're going to 4 send us home, and they should, because the right thing 5 to do here is to let citizens draw the lines. Thank 6 you. SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the 7 8 gentleman from Cabarrus, Representative Pittman, rise? 9 REPRESENTATIVE PITTMAN: To speak on the bill. 10 11 SPEAKER MOORE: The Gentleman asks to debate the bill. 12 13 REPRESENTATIVE PITTMAN: Thank you, Mr. 14 Speaker. 15 Ladies and gentlemen, I don't suspect I'm 16 going to sway many people to do what I'm going to do 17 today. I just want you to understand what I'm doing. I meant to say this Monday, I didn't hit my light in 18 19 time because it doesn't matter whether it's the Senate 20 of the House, I feel the same way about this whole 21 process. 22 If the courts had simply said here's some 23 quidelines that you need to follow next time you do 24 redistricting, I don't think I'd have much of an 25 argument against that. However, our state

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1	constitution says that we do redistricting after the
2	census every ten years. So, I'm voting no because I'm
3	not willing to violate our state constitution by doing
4	do it four years early. Thank you.

5 SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the 6 gentleman from Wake, Representative Hall, rise? 7 REPRESENTATIVE HALL: Speak to the bill.

8 SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized9 to debate the bill.

10 REPRESENTATIVE HALL: Members, I got elected 11 in this body in 2012 along with a lot of colleagues on 12 that side, which is the first year these new maps were 13 in place, and my first real observation of my caucus I 14 hate to say, but it was we whined a lot, we 15 complained. We complained that you weren't treating 16 us fairly, and I still remember the responses from a 17 lot of you, it was that, that we did too, it was that elections have consequences. 18

I vividly remember the we did it too argument because that was the first time I talked on this floor. I didn't realize as a freshman that the Speaker rarely comes down unless he feels strongly about something. So, then Speaker Tillis had come down and talked about the rules, how they were much fairer than we had done with you guys. And there was

a lot of weight to that argument, but I made the
freshman mistake of standing up and saying that's an
irrational argument, just because we did it, you
shouldn't. I don't want to tell you the consequences
I suffered, but, needless to say, I did not win my
first debate on this floor.

7 Because of the raw nerves it touched, I 8 realized that there was probably a lot of truth to 9 that, we did not treat you very well. The other thing 10 that was said a lot was elections have consequences, 11 and that's what we're here about. I agree, you're 12 right, they do. We're here about maps and elections, 13 so that's what I'd like to talk about. But the first 14 thing I think that has to be said is that I don't 15 think any of us should conflate winning elections with 16 winning the hearts and mind of the people.

There are 120 opinions in this room on what that means, so instead of just adding mine to that, what I'd like to do is just throw out some actual numbers.

The first one, I'm going to get some grumbling, I know no one wants to hear this, but the first number is a million people. More than a million people, more than a million Americans voted for the democratic candidate for President in this last

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election, yet we don't control the presidency, we 1 2 don't control congress and we don't control this body. 3 Move on quickly to congress and I'll talk about the 4 first election after you guys drew the maps. In that 5 first election when I came to this body in 2012, 6 50.93% of North Carolinians actually went to the poll, 7 walked in and voted for the democratic person on their 8 ballot for the US Congress in North Carolina. 49.6% 9 voted for the republican. So, more people actually 10 walked in the polls and voted for the democrat in that 11 election, yet the result was you guys got a 10/3 12 split, 77% of the seats to 23. And I know what every 13 member of this body is thinking right now, the same 14 thing I'm thinking, we did it too, and you're right, 15 we did.

Last week Leader Jackson pointed out the results here in the House, the elections, after the last time we drew the maps versus the last when you guys drew the maps. So, under the 2003 democratic gerrymander, and that's what it was, it was a gerrymander as well, they gave us 66 seats in that next election and you had 54.

23 My point is that I think your version is far 24 more one-sided because right now after that election 25 you had 77 seats to 43. And I think it's important,

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an important point that Leader Jackson made that we 1 2 also understand that elections have consequences, but 3 we didn't give ourselves the supermajority in the 4 state, in a state that votes almost equally every 5 single time for democrats and republicans. And my 6 point is that I think every member of this body is 7 politically astute enough to understand that North 8 Carolina is an extremely purple state. Every election 9 it's almost an equal number of democrats that vote for 10 you guys and vote for us.

11 In this body, in the North Carolina House, in the 2016 election roughly 48% of North Carolinians 12 13 walked into the poll and voted for a democrat running 14 for this body, the North Carolina House. You did win that election as well, and 52% of the voters voted for 15 16 republicans, but if you look around this chamber it's 17 75 members on that side, which is obviously a 18 supermajority.

19 I'm pointing out the disparities in the 20 election from the President all the way down to this 21 House because I honestly feel there's never been a 22 time in America's history when the disparity between 23 the will of the voters and the actual electoral 24 outcome has been this great.

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George Washington was revered for being the

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first man that voluntarily gave up power, and I know
that we can't be held to their standards. No one
here, including myself is George Washington. I say
that with a humility, again, of knowing that we did it
as well, but the absolute empirical data of the votes
cast in the state make clear that the people of North
Carolina don't want us to have a supermajority.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
SPEAKER MOORE. For what purpose does the
gentleman from Wake, Representative John, rise?
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN: Debate the bill.
SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor
to debate the bill.
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN: Thank you, Mr.
Speaker.
First of all, I appreciate your not
referring to me as the gentleman from E.F. Hutton, but
more seriously, Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to repeat
the full statement I made when this body was
considering the proposed House plans, but everything I
said on Monday is applicable again today as we
consider these proposed Senate maps, characterized
perhaps to an even greater degree by the flaws which
mark the House maps.
In short, politicians who directly benefit

1	from the drafting of legislative districts should not
2	be the drafters of those districts. We absolutely
3	must have in North Carolina a truly independent,
4	impartial and most importantly not partisan
5	redistricting commission.
6	I'll be voting no as I did when we
7	considered the House maps. I recommend the same to
8	you. Thank you for your attention. Thank you,
9	Mr. Speaker.
10	SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the
11	lady from New Hanover, Representative Butler, rise?
12	REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: To briefly debate
13	the bill.
14	SPEAKER MOORE: The lady is recognized to
15	debate the bill.
16	REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I had no intention,
17	actually, of speaking on this issue today, but as I
18	saw the young men from Greenville here, and I did
19	watch their ball game, they should have won that
20	thing. They were up 5 to nothing, and all those curly
21	headed fellows in the front there did so well.
22	You know, the public like those boys expect
23	nothing less than a level playing field. The public
24	made that perfectly clear throughout meetings all
25	across this state. I thought about what if we had

told those children, boys, do the best you can, but 1 2 you're going to start six runs down, and you're going 3 to bat left-handed even if you're a righty and you're 4 going to have to hop on one foot to first base. 5 That's not fair. 6 So, in life, in sports and in politics the 7 public expects a level playing field, and what we have 8 in North Carolina is a national reputation for sports 9 earth politics, and none of us should be very proud of 10 that in this body. 11 So, fairness, a level playing field and good conscience should rue the day. I vote you to vote no 12 13 on these maps. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 14 SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the 15 gentleman from Wake, Representative Dollar, rise? 16 REPRESENTATIVE DOLLAR: To debate the bill. 17 SPEAKER MOORE: The gentlemen has the floor to debate the bill. 18 19 REPRESENTATIVE DOLLAR: Members of the 20 House, there's been some arguments made here in the 21 last few minutes that I just want to make a couple of 22 points about. One, the gentleman says all of this is 23 a purple state. Well, that's very deceptive and let 24 me tell you why that's deceptive. In the last 25 statewide election republicans won 13 of 17 statewide

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1 races. 13 of 17. That seems a whole lot more leaning 2 to the republican side, the conservative side of the 3 actual issues, that are -- that come before our state 4 and federal elected officials from here in North 5 Carolina.

6 I would also remind one of the members, you 7 know, talked about various formulas and who won this 8 and who won that. I mean what do you want? Do you 9 want proportional representation? Then you need to go 10 change the U. S. Constitution if that's what you want. 11 If you want a European system, go out there and get it. Don't try to boot strap it through all sorts of 12 13 various and sundry mechanisms that, you know, 14 professors and different things come up with around 15 the -- around the country.

16 The fact is, is that you have a 17 misdistribution of your voters of people willing to 18 support you. That's your problem that you probably 19 ought to go try to solve if you want to solve it.

I would also note just two other quick things. One, you know, when we talk about reform, I remember because I was around this town for a while now, and I remember cases going back to the early and mid '80's and coming forward and I seem to note that it was republicans who were helping with lawsuits or

Page 25 initiating lawsuits to reform redistricting, and time 1 2 and time again winning against in our state supreme 3 court and winning in the United States Supreme Court. 4 So, folks need look at themselves and look at your own 5 history. Republicans have a history of reform here. 6 We have the history of reform, hard fought. And 7 that's the reason why we have some of the most 8 stringent requirements of anywhere in the country like 9 it's forgotten, it doesn't get reported on, but it's 10 an actual fact. And we have complied in both the 11 House and Senate map with those requirements, state as well as federal. 12

13 And it was also a fundamental question about 14 what do the people want, what do the people want. 15 Well, it occurs to me that we are debating the Senate 16 maps, and I would point this out to everybody here and 17 everybody listening, Senate republicans won a 18 supermajority under the democrat maps, under the 19 democrat maps. So, clearly, that was the will of the 20 people. And I encourage you to vote for this bill. 21 SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the 22 lady from Durham, Representative Morey, rise? 23 REPRESENTATIVE MOREY: Thank you, to debate 24 the bill. 25 SPEAKER MOORE: The lady has the floor to

1 debate the bill.

2	REPRESENTATIVE MOREY: Members, I echo the
3	comments of my colleagues, and I just want to be
4	reminded of the public hearings. And when we sat in
5	Raleigh and watched the various people throughout the
б	state speak, there was one young mother here in
7	Raleigh who sat for two and a half hours. She had a
8	one-year-old toddler, kept running in running out,
9	disturbing and she finally got her opportunity to
10	speak. And she said I'm a nobody to you. You won't
11	hear my voice, but I care about fairness. I want a
12	future for my child.
13	So, for all those people who spoke, I think
14	this whole body did hear their voices, but they are
15	asking for fair maps, and I echo my colleagues that we
16	do need independent, nonpartisan redistricting;
17	therefore, I'll be voting no. Thank you very much.
18	SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the
19	gentleman from Wake, Representative Jackson, rise?
20	REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON: I speak on the
21	bill.
22	SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor
23	to debate the bill.
24	REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON: Thank you, Mr.
25	Speaker.

I rise, ladies and gentlemen, to oppose the Senate redistricting plan. I know that they've had a good debate on their and their chamber, and I know it's normal for us to just accept what the Senate does, and so, I'm not going to really get into many of the details.

7 I will point out something. I know for a 8 fact that a nonpartisan redistricting bill has passed 9 this chamber in the past and, you know, some people 10 are kind of questioning if it passed only because we 11 knew the Senate would never take it up, but I will say 12 to you this: I floated this idea to many of the bills 13 sponsors over the last several years. There's nothing 14 that prevents the House from doing our own type of nonpartisan redistricting. We don't have to get the 15 16 senate to go along with it in the House plans. We can 17 do what we want. So, if you, in fact, in the last 18 four years have voted for nonpartisan redistricting, 19 we can make that happen.

As to this plan, I want to say that the racial gerrymandering issues in the Senate map is basically the same ones as I mentioned in the House map. Senate republicans did not use racial data, and in my opinion again what we have before us today does not apply to Federal court's order. Also, this map

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does also double down on the partisan gerrymander from 2011. And I know I've read several people have complimented Senator Berger and the speech that he gave on the Senate floor about how my party's problem is not, in fact, gerrymandering, it's that we can't appeal to rule voters, and I understand talking points and I understand how people parrot that.

8 You know, I just simply don't agree with 9 that, but if you accept that Senator Berger's argument 10 is true, then you also have to accept the flip side of 11 that argument, which is that democrats are doing 12 really well in urban areas, but yet these maps don't 13 reflect that truth. So, if you don't accept the 14 notion that the maps are gerrymandered in the east and 15 in the rural areas, you have to at least accept that 16 they are, in fact, gerrymandered in the urban areas to 17 prevent democrats from having more seats than they probably should. 18

In Wake County if you look at Senate District 18, and Senate District 15, Guilford County, if you look at Senate District 28 and Senate District 27, Forsyth, you can look at Senate District 29, and Senate District 31, and then Mecklenburg County, you can look at Senate District 41, which starts in the northeast portion of the county and goes down the

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western border of the county, all the way down into the southern part of the county. And then you can look at the districts in Cumberland County in all its gerrymandered glory. In fact, it was gerrymandered pretty badly before it was added on, but then when they went and got the section adding Senator Clark's second home in, it really became a work of art.

8 I've not done an in-depth analysis of the 9 Senate maps or the alternative maps, but it's really 10 hard for me to imagine that this is the best we can 11 do. We can draw maps that are less partisan, more compact and maps that don't repeat the racial 12 13 gerrymander of 2011. I think that's what the court 14 expected us to do. I think we'll be back here in 2019 15 doing this again after the court's vote it out. I'll 16 be voting red today.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the lady from Mecklenburg, Representative Cunningham, rise?

20 REPRESENTATIVE CUNNINGHAM: To speak on the 21 bill.

22 SPEAKER MOORE: The lady has the floor to 23 debate the bill.

24 REPRESENTATIVE CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Mr.
 25 Speaker.

You know, as I sit here and I heard what my Colleague said, Representative Hall, that we were whining. I'm not a whiner. I want to get that clear.

4 This redistricting is serious for the people 5 of the State of North Carolina. It's two things that 6 was said that really bothers me. One is that race was 7 not taken into consideration. That was one of the 8 criteria, and I understand that, but when I walk in a 9 room, you know exactly who I am. I don't get to take 10 off my skin and be anything else. So, I think it 11 should always be taken into consideration. So that's the decision that they made. 12

The other thing is about this redistricting is it's all about power. It's about who gets to make the decisions for the whole State of North Carolina, for all the citizens of North Carolina. This is about power. Are you willing to share power with someone that is not equal to you? That's the question. Are you equal, are you ready to share power?

The redistricting that we're going under now that we have waited a decade almost for that was unconstitutional, that we were elected under, we've waited almost a decade for this to happen and it looks like we will have an additional wait. Are you ready to share power, that's what redistricting is about.

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1	No, the maps are not exactly what I would
2	like them to be, but do I have the power and are you
3	willing to share the power? The people of North
4	Carolina are looking for us to learn how to share
5	power. Thank you.
6	SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the
7	gentleman from Nash, Representative Jordan, rise?
8	REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: To debate the plans.
9	SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized
10	to debate the bill.
11	REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN: Thank you, Mr.
12	Speaker.
13	There's a whole lot of stuff that I can
14	stand up here and say, but I really just want to make
15	two points. Aside from the fact that I'm a primary
16	sponsor of the nonpartisan redistricting plan, so that
17	makes me immune to a lot of the whining that's going
18	on across the aisle.
19	The two points I'd like to make are
20	follow-up on Representative Jackson's comments about
21	how Senate District 21 in Cumberland County. Did you
22	hear him very carefully? Did you hear him ask about
23	that district? It looks like Puff The Magic Dragon to
24	me. And that little puff there that came from Senator
25	Clark, who apparently asked the Senate majority to add

that in for him I guess to gerrymander for him, 1 2 although he's been one of the leading members talking 3 about this deficiency gaps, how there are wasted 4 voters for anybody who votes for a losing candidate, 5 your vote is wasted, and anyone who votes for more 6 than what the winning candidate needed is also wasted 7 votes. I'm afraid the court is going to look at that, ridiculous formulas like that in the future. 8 But the 9 other point I'm going to make and I'm voting, I'm 10 actually voting against this map and I wanted to 11 explain why because I took some of my colleagues by surprise in committee yesterday, and that is for this 12 13 reason: I thoroughly understand step one being the 14 Senate county groupings, and I think that's very good. 15 That is important for everyone to understand listening 16 here today and listening online, that this process, 17 even though it is not the non-partisan districting process that I would prefer, starts with actual 18 19 objective steps and it included grouping the counties, 20 all right. 21 Well, despite that, I'm going to vote 22 against this because basically my area northwestern 23 North Carolina is going to lose a Senate representative, and that's why I'll be voting against 24 25 this map today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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1	SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion, further
2	debate. If not, the question for the House, passage
3	of Senate Bill 691 on second reading. Those in favor
4	will vote Aye, those opposed will vote No. The Clerk
5	will open the vote.
6	The Clerk will lock the machine and record
7	the vote. 68 having voted in the affirmative; 47 in
8	the negative. Senate Bill 691 passes the second
9	reading.
10	Any overrule to that objection?
11	Clerk will read that in.
12	HOUSE CLERK: Senate Rule 691 annex.
13	SPEAKER MOORE: Any further discussion,
14	further debate? If not, question for the House pass
15	Senate Bill 691 on the third reading. Those in favor
16	will vote Aye; those opposed will vote No. Clerk will
17	open the vote.
18	Clerk will lock the machine and record the
19	vote. 68 having voted in the affirmative; 47 in the
20	negative. Senate Bill 691 passes the third reading.
21	The Bill is ordered enrolled.
22	Members, we are about to take a recess until
23	3:30. It is right now it's actually, strike that,
24	until 3:45. That will be a one-hour recess for a
25	number of reasons. I believe the Majority Leader is

Page 34 going to announce a caucus 30 minutes from now. 1 2 Sorry, Representative Bell, I didn't realize you had 3 stepped away from your desk. 4 Gentlemen is recognized for an announcement. 5 REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Republicans, you just saw on your e-mail 6 7 we're going to caucus 30 minutes after recess in Room 1228. 8 That's 30 minutes after recess in Room 1228. 9 Please be prompt. Thank you. 10 SPEAKER MOORE: Mr. Clerk, Chair directs 11 that House Bill 717 revised judicial districts be removed from the Committee on Elections and Ethics 12 13 Law; directs that it be referred to the Committee on 14 Judicial Redistricting. 15 For what purpose does the gentleman from 16 Chowan, Representative Steinberg, rise? REPRESENTATIVE STEINBERG: A point of 17 18 personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. 19 SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized 20 to speak to a point of personal privilege. 21 REPRESENTATIVE STEINBERG: Thank you. 22 This tragedy unfolding in Texas from 23 Hurricane Harvey reminds all of us of the immeasurable 24 value of our service personnel who leave their homes and risk their lives to assist in rescuing citizens 25

from grave peril. As a North Carolina State 1 2 Representative serving northeastern North Carolina, it 3 is an honor to serve a district that includes a major 4 coast quard installation located in Elizabeth City and 5 officially designated All American Coast Guard City. 6 Captain Joseph Deere, commanding officer of Air 7 Station Elizabeth City and the magnificent men and 8 women of the coast guard serving with C130 fixed wing 9 aircraft and H60 helicopters and other personnel, 10 courageously exemplify the best of the American spirit 11 as they assist those in need in Texas and around the nation. 12 13 Today, I offer my continued thanks to the 14 coast guard, their families and the civilians who 15 support their mission for their exceptional commitment 16 and work on behalf of the American people. 17 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 18 SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the 19 gentleman from Guilford, Representative Quick, rise? 20 REPRESENTATIVE QUICK: A point of personal privilege. 21 22 SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized 23 to speak to a point of personal privilege. 24 REPRESENTATIVE QUICK: Prior to my arrival 25 here in the North Carolina House, District 58 was

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1	represented by a gentleman named Mr. Ralph C. Johnson.
2	Mr. Johnson passed away earlier this year, and this
3	morning I was privileged to be part of a ceremony that
4	re- named a new connector road in Greensboro, North
5	Carolina, the Ralph C. Johnson Way.
6	I'd ask my colleagues here today if you
7	would join me in acknowledging the work and life of
8	former Representative Ralph C. Johnson as we
9	celebrated his life in Greensboro earlier this
10	morning.
11	(APPLAUSE.)
12	SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the
13	gentleman from Wake, Representative Jackson, rise?
14	REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON: Inquiry of the
15	Chair.
16	SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized
17	to inquire.
18	REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON: What time will we
19	be coming back, Mr. Speaker?
20	SPEAKER MOORE: We're going to be back at 4
21	excuse me, at 3:45.
22	REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON: Inquiry of the
23	Chair.
24	SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized.
25	REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON: Will we be done

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1	today?
2	SPEAKER MOORE: Maybe. I hope so.
3	REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON: Okay, for an
4	announcement.
5	SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized
6	for an announcement.
7	REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON: House democrats
8	will caucus at 3 o'clock in 12 I mean 14, whatever
9	our normal room is.
10	SPEAKER MOORE: Thanks.
11	Members, if there's no more notices and
12	announcements right now, subject to the standard
13	stipulations set forth in Rule 15.1, the Chair directs
14	the House to stand in recess until 3:45.
15	(THE HOUSE STANDS IN RECESS AT 2:47 P.M.)
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