

SENATE REDISTRICTING WORK GROUP

**Tuesday October 16, 2001
Minneapolis Urban League
2100 Plymouth Ave. N.
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Senator Pogemiller
Senator Belanger
Senator Hottinger
Senator Scheid
Dean Barkley, Director MN Planning
Senator Higgins
Representative Gray
Representative Walker

Members Absent

Senator Orfield

Staff Present

Peter Wattson, Senate Counsel
Vic Thorstenson, Senate Redistricting Staff
Michael Brodkorb, Republican Redistricting Staff
Gregg Peppin, House Redistricting Staff
Joe Mansky, Governor's Redistricting Commission

Senator Pogemiller called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Senator Pogemiller asked for a summary of congressional plans from staff.

Vic Thorstenson presented the Senate's congressional plan.

Michael Brodkorb presented the House's congressional plan.

Dean Barkley presented the Governor's congressional plan.

Senator Pogemiller asked for an explanation of the legislative plans.

Gregg Peppin presented the House's legislative plan.

Vic Thorstenson presented the Senate's legislative plan.

Senator Pogemiller asked for testimony.

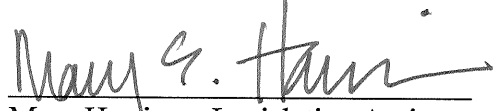
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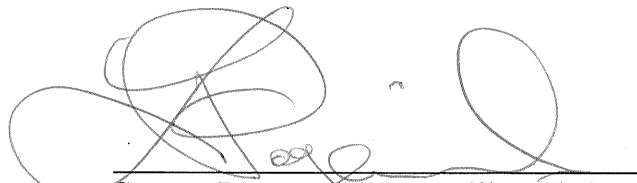
1. William (Bill) English
2. Clarence Hightower, President Minneapolis Urban League
3. Jonathan Palmer
4. Bradi Baker
5. La Shella Sims
6. Lester Collins, Council on Black Minnesotans (see handout)
7. Natonia Johnson
8. Randolph Statten
9. M. Lyn Daniels
10. Bill Walsh, Republican Party

Members and staff asked questions.

Senator Pogemiller adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Mary Harrison, Legislative Assistant


Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Chair

The Minneapolis Urban League
The League of Women Voters
The State Council on Black Minnesotans
The Minnesota Senate Redistricting Workgroup

Present

*The Minnesota Pipeline: Redistricting Hearing
October 16th, 2001*

Agenda

<i>7:00</i>	<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Clarence Hightower President and CEO Minneapolis Urban League</i>
<i>7:03</i>	<i>Call To Order</i>	<i>Senator Lawrence Pogemiller</i>
<i>7:05</i>	<i>Introduction of Redistricting Hearing Panel</i>	<i>Senator Lawrence Pogemiller</i>
<i>7:10</i>	<i>Overview Of Redistricting</i>	<i>Senator Lawrence Pogemiller</i>
<i>7:15</i>	<i>The Three Redistricting Plans: Brief Summary Presentation</i>	<i>Senator Lawrence Pogemiller</i>
<i>7:30</i>	<i>Testimonials, Questions</i>	<i>Community Members and Concerned Citizens</i>
<i>8:00</i>	<i>Break</i>	
<i>8:10</i>	<i>Hearing is Reconvened</i>	<i>Senator Lawrence Pogemiller</i>
<i>8:15</i>	<i>Testimonials</i>	<i>Community Members</i>
<i>9:00</i>	<i>Hearing is Adjourned</i>	<i>Senator Lawrence Pogemiller</i>

REDISTRICTING RESOLUTION GOALS
MARCH 12, 2001

WHEREAS, early estimates by Minnesota Planning state that Minnesota's minority population may have grown by as much as 85% during the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota minority population figures can factor into creation of new legislative district lines; and

WHEREAS, ethnic minorities rely on district divisions to provide a fair voice in local, state, and federal elections; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has a duty to provide equitable representation to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, federal law prohibits a state from putting into place a redistricting plan that discriminates based on race, or results in discrimination based on race, and

WHEREAS, the minority groups in Minnesota have the responsibility of doing their best to ensure that redistricting in Minnesota is done fairly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans endorses the use of statistic demographic counts as opposed to actual population counts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans believes that the percentage of minority legislators should reflect the percentage of minorities in Minnesota and that where a concentration of a racial or language minority makes it possible, the districts must increase the probability that members of the minority will be elected; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Council on Black Minnesotans endorses the preservation of districts held by current minority officials and that the newly defined districts must not dilute the voting strength of racial or language minority populations.

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