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Awesome

I'd like to get with you in the next week or two so you can see what's happening with the redistricting of your district.

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>>> Blaine Nichols <blainenichols@yahoo.com> 9/12/2011 2:51 PM >>>

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Democrats call for GOP to open meetings on redistricting

Billy Hesterman - Daily Herald | Posted: Monday, October 10, 2011 12:50 am

Utah Democrats are calling on Republican lawmakers to open the doors to their discussions about how the boundary lines should be drawn for Utah's congressional districts.

While the Legislature itself has held almost 30 public meetings on the matter, 17 of which were held in various locations throughout the state, final decisions on the maps may be decided behind the closed doors of Republican House and Senate caucus meetings.

"Let's open the closed doors!" said the chairman of the Utah Democratic Party, Jim Dabakis, in a written statement. "On behalf of all Utahns we implore that Republicans join us in letting the public watch Utah's business be conducted."

Dabakis's plea comes on the heels of the Legislature being unable to adopt the final boundary lines during a special session that started Oct. 3.

Lawmakers didn't spend much time on the floor of the House or Senate on Monday and Tuesday of the session; the House spent just less than three hours total on the floor for both days, while the Senate was on the floor for three hours and 46 minutes prior to lawmakers calling a recess until Oct. 17.

During much of the downtime during those two days Republican lawmakers were meeting in private caucuses trying to find a congressional plan that could gain enough votes to pass both bodies. GOP legislators say no map drawing was taking place in either caucus, but discussions on what lawmakers were willing to support as a final plan was being discussed. Republicans say the doors were closed because discussions were becoming heated amongst lawmakers.

"When a family has a fight they don't do it on the front lawn," said Speaker of the House Becky Lockhart, R-Provo. "Not that there was a knockdown drag out, but there was some very high emotions. There is a lot of stress in this process."

Lockhart explained that House Republicans spent most of their time discussing a congressional map that was approved by the Senate, but said House members had too many issues with the Senate-approved map to give it their final approval.

"Tuesday night it became clear that the Republicans caucus was not ready to make a decision," Lockhart said. "There was still some outstanding issues that we needed to work out."

Lockhart said those issues included the amount of urban and rural areas contained within each district and the areas where Davis County was split. Lockhart also noted that some lawmakers were concerned with the party makeup of each district.

The public has yet to hear what lawmakers think about those issues in a public forum in the form of a committee meeting, floor debate or open caucus meeting.

The public has not been ignored in the process though. The Legislature has been taking public comments on redistricting since the end of April and also created a website that allowed members of the public to draw and submit their own maps.

Public comment to the Legislature resulted in Utah County netting 14 House seats and five Senate seats in the state Legislature. Public involvement also led to Tooele city not being divided into two state Senate districts.

Lawmakers still have another week before returning to Capitol Hill to continue evaluating maps and possibly pass a final congressional map. It is expected that the Redistricting Committee will meet once during this upcoming week to continue to take public comment on proposed maps and possibly approve a second congressional map for the full Legislature to consider.

In the meantime, lawmakers may meet again in caucus meetings to discuss potential final maps. Lockhart said she would be open to having the House caucus open to the public when they discuss the maps. Lockhart did note it would take a majority of the caucus members' votes to keep the doors open on the meeting.

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OCTOBER ASPA LUNCHEON
Friday, October 14th - 12:00 noon
Auditorium of the State office Building (first floor)

To the Drawing Board: Redistricting in Utah

John Q. Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research & General Counsel

In early October, the legislature is holding a special session to vote on the new district lines for the U.S. Congressional seats, Utah legislative seats, and the Utah State Board of Education. Join us for a presentation by John Cannon, legislative policy analyst for the Utah Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, to learn about the redistricting process and maps.

Please make your reservations early. The luncheon will be catered. Reservations or cancellations must be received no later than Wednesday, October 12, 2011 . No shows will be billed. Limited parking is available-please carpool or ride public transportation where possible.

The cost of the luncheon is \$13.00 for ASPA members, \$15.00 for nonmembers, and \$8.00 for students. Cash or checks are accepted.

Please call the Center for Public Policy & Administration, University of Utah, at 801-581-6493 or e-mail jrandall@cpga.utah.edu for reservations

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Redistricting squabble has GOP congressional hopefuls wondering where to line up
Published: Monday, Oct. 10, 2011 6:41 p.m. MDT

SALT LAKE CITY — Several Republicans looking to get into the 2012 congressional race don't know where to line up yet.

A standoff in the Utah Legislature over how to set new boundaries for the state's four districts has left some potential candidates in wait-and-see mode. They aren't ready to commit to a district in which they might not end up living — though that has worked for GOP 3rd District Rep. Jason Chaffetz.

"I think the maps are the deciding factor for everybody," said Rep. Chris Herrod, R-Provo, who has flirted with the idea of running for Congress.

The Redistricting Committee met last Friday — three days after the legislature's special session ground to a halt due to disagreement between majority House and Senate Republicans — but were only flooded with more maps. The committee might meet again this week. State lawmakers intend to resume the special session next Monday.

Meantime, some mostly unknown GOP candidates are poised to run against Democratic Congressman Jim Matheson in the 2nd District, regardless of how the map shakes out. Matheson is closely watching the outcome and hasn't ruled out a run for governor or switching districts.

Last week, GOP House members conceded they discussed partisan voting numbers in proposed districts during their closed caucus meetings.

Herrod made two things clear about any bid for Congress: "I'm not going to run outside my district and I'm not going to run against Jason Chaffetz."

For Herrod, that means seeking re-election in the Utah House or possibly challenging Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. Herrod dispelled the notion of taking on state Sen. Curt Bramble, R-Provo, with whom he tangled over illegal immigration bills earlier this year.

"One thing I've learned through this whole process is to keep options open," he said.

Herrod's legislative pal, Rep. Stephen Sandstrom, R-Orem, has already committed to running for Congress. The two now live in the same Utah House district under a new legislative district map lawmakers approved last week. Neither is interested in going against the other.

"The way I'm looking at it right now, I really don't know where I'm going to run" for Congress, Sandstrom said. "I will be a candidate. Whether it's the 2nd or 4th (district), I don't know."

Sandstrom said he won't run outside the district in which he lives or go against Chaffetz, who lives in the 2nd District but represents the 3rd. Sandstrom said he would move into the 2nd or 4th districts if need be. "My wife is on board with that," he added.

Several other potential or announced candidates — Saratoga Springs Mayor Mia Love, former BYU and pro football player Jason Buck, former state lawmaker Morgan Philpot — have not committed to a district. Also, Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff hasn't made up his mind yet about running for Congress.

At least three candidates — Holladay political activist Cheryl Egar, former Air Force officer Chuck Williams of Heber and Draper airline pilot John Willoughby — are challenging Matheson regardless of where they live. Former House Speaker Rep. Dave Clark, R-Santa Clara, also is a potential 2nd District candidate.

Rep. Carl Wimmer, R-Herriman, officially launched his campaign for the 4th District seat this past weekend.

Iraq war veteran Michael Miller, a Republican, is running against GOP Rep. Rob Bishop in the 1st District. Miller lives in West Jordan, which is outside the district.

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Reserve your seats by contacting me via email [mailto:kstratton@sutherlandinstitute.org] or calling Lisa at 801-355-1272. When you call, please mention this email. Priority will be given to couples.

Cheers!

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P.S. Click here or see bottom of this email for more information about this session.

Redistricting: Why Utah Ought to Carve Up Salt Lake

Here is my advice to the state Legislature on redistricting: Carve up Salt Lake City and dilute the more liberal parts of Salt Lake County.

I say this as a conservative, as someone who works each and every day to protect the cause of freedom. I don't say this to disrespect or diminish in any way the personal political feelings of residents in those areas.

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Reality Squashes Farmer's Plan to Hire Local Labor

With unemployment hovering around 9 percent, some have argued that if we could just "deal with" (read: "round up and ship out" or "starve out") undocumented immigrants, there would be enough jobs to go around. After all, they're taking up jobs that citizens would be happy to do, right? Well, not exactly.

While enforcement-only measures are often touted as job-creating legislation, the reality is that there are jobs out there that most Americans simply will not do.

John Harold, a Colorado farmer, found this out the hard way.

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How Ogden (and Other Districts) Can Foster Excellence in Teaching

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Utah's Fuel Act: Helping Gas Stations at Your Expense?

Many people - citizens and lawmakers - would think it ridiculous for government to prohibit R.C. Willey from giving away hot dogs and soda Saturday mornings as an enticement for passers-by to look at furniture.

For some reason, though, many of these same people do not object to a law that forbids gas stations from giving similar direct discounts to Utahns on gasoline.

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To: Rob Bishop
Date: 10/12/2011 10:40:18 PM
Subject: Re: Some thoughts on redistricting from Congressman Bishop (Thank you for your email! I appreciate those engaged and willing to communicate with me. I receive a large volume of emails, but I will personally read your message and try to respond as quickly as possible.)

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Representative Brad Wilson

>>> Rob Bishop 10/12/11 22:40 >>>

Dear Representative:

The redistricting process in the Utah Legislature is messy and cumbersome. No one ever likes the lines drawn. A redistricting process done by a so-called independent redistricting commission would be messy and cumbersome. No one would ever like the lines drawn.

The difference between the two options is that the Legislature – no matter how many caucus meetings they may hold – must ultimately make an open presentation and hold an open vote. They must explain their decisions and be accountable at the next election. Redistricting commissions don't. They may make a public presentation, but have no requirement for explanation nor in any way are they accountable to voters.

Where non-elected redistricting commissions work, it is often due to a quirk of personalities, such as in Washington State where the leading Republican and Democratic members have served for multiple cycles and try hard not to upset the status quo. In Arizona, their commission produced a very partisan and highly criticized map. Even the inappropriately self-named "Fair Boundaries" organization in Utah used the former director of the Democratic Party who produced – surprise – boundaries favorable to Democrats. A commission is far from a panacea, independent, or non-partisan.

The basic problem with a non-elected redistricting commission is the basic philosophy. The Progressive Era in American history provided a philosophical change of attitude toward government. The Founders had faith in lay government – man's ability to govern himself. The Progressive Era argued for governing of the people by experts whose work would seemingly be based on science. (Of course, this was the Era when Communism was also the daring, new government philosophy, but I digress.) Resorting to so-called experts has produced massive national bureaucracies such as the EPA (always right even when state DEQ scientists prove their data flawed), the SEC (experts about Wall Street), the Federal Reserve Board (experts about money), and the NLRB (experts about keeping jobs from going to South Carolina), and so on and so forth.

For some it is easy to demagogue the Legislature, but given the option I

much prefer to have districts altered by someone in a public position on the House and Senate Floors - even if I don't fully agree with the alteration - rather than by the all-powerful wizard behind the curtain.

Allow me to comment on three related but tangential subjects:

A) "Community of interest" is basically a sham phrase used to hide real desires. It has been charged by some, for example, that St. George has nothing in common with Salt Lake City therefore they should not be in the same district. Actually, St. George doesn't really have that much in common with Provo or Ogden or Logan or even Cedar City; but St. George has to be with someone. One public witness at a Redistricting Committee Meeting seemed to claim that maybe places like St. George and Moab and Park City should be together because they all attract tourists - cute, but not a reason for drawing such lines.

Salt Lake City cannot even claim to be one "community of interest." Can one with a straight face claim students at the U of U have the same interests as single family home owners in west Rose Park or Redwood Road; that Glendale is a mirror image of the east bench; that the community in the Avenues replicates occupants of buildings like the Eagle Gate downtown? Come on!

When one hollers "community of interest" (or "gerrymandering" for that matter), the shouter really just wants the fulcrum of power elsewhere - and usually for partisan purposes.

B) The Legislature can't pick future Congressmen by drawing lines and it's not fair for some to try to claim that is what is happening. Look at the existing congressional boundaries: Box Elder is not the center of the 1st District; Matheson wins in the Republican 2nd District, and Chaffetz doesn't even live in the 3rd District. Despite district lines, voters pick whom they choose.

C) There are maps I like, and a whole lot that are just butt ugly. Please be cautious.

Thank you for your efforts. Redistricting is always a time consuming task with major complaints and few compliments. I understand. I've been there and done that. Personally, I have major compliments for your efforts - and just a few complaints. You should all be commended for your commitment to this process and for the accountability that comes with it.

Rob Bishop

To: Allyson Isom
Date: 10/13/2011 3:02:30 PM
Subject: Re: Governor Signs Special Session Bills (Thank you for your email! I appreciate those engaged and willing to communicate with me. I receive a large volume of emails, but I will personally read your message and try to respond as quickly as possible.)

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Representative Brad Wilson

>>> Allyson Isom 10/13/11 15:03 >>>

The attached contains the following content:

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October 13, 2011

Contact: Ally Isom
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Governor Signs Special Session Bills

SALT LAKE CITY— Today Governor Gary R. Herbert signed the following pieces of legislation from the current special legislative session.

S.B. 3003 Amendments to Driver License Suspension for Driving Under the Influence Offenses
(Senator Scott Jenkins)

S.B. 3004 Presidential Candidate Amendments
(Senator Peter Knudson)

H.B. 3002 State Board of Education Boundaries and Election Designation
(Representative Kenneth Sumsion)

H.B. 3003 Workers' Compensation and Unincorporated Entities Amendments
(Representative Michael Morley)

H.B. 3004 State Board of Regents Amendments
(Representative Kay McIff)

H.C.R. 301 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Welfare System of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
(Representative Ronda Menlove)

H.C.R. 302 Concurrent Resolution on Scofield Land Transfer
(Representative Patrick Painter)
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From: Brad Wilson
To: Q Dang
Date: 10/13/2011 7:30:56 PM
Subject: Re: Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified) (Thank you for your email! I appreciate those engaged and willing to communicate with me. I receive a large volume of emails, but I will personally read your message and try to respond as quickly as possible.)

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Representative Brad Wilson

>>> Q Dang 10/13/11 19:31 >>>

Dear Representative,

As a citizen of Utah, I urge you to VOTE NO on the current map being discussed in the House.

I have studied the maps and I would suggest to you that the best map, based on contiguousness and compactness, is the Garber Citizen Map (modified, sponsored by Representative Brian King).

<http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-rep-king-garber-modified-king>

Please vote for this compromise map. I know you have worked very diligently for the people of Utah, and I thank you for it.

Sincerely, Quang Dang

From: Brad Wilson
To: Kelli Lundgren
Date: 10/14/2011 10:23:16 AM
Subject: Re: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday (Thank you for your email! I appreciate those engaged and willing to communicate with me. I receive a large volume of emails, but I will personally read your message and try to respond as quickly as possible.)

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Representative Brad Wilson

>>> Kelli Lundgren 10/14/11 10:04 >>>

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Sincerely,
Kelli Lundgren

From: Brad Wilson
To: Jen
Date: 10/15/2011 5:58:17 PM
Subject: Re: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map (Thank you for your email! I appreciate those engaged and willing to communicate with me. I receive a large volume of emails, but I will personally read your message and try to respond as quickly as possible.)

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Representative Brad Wilson

>>> Jen 10/15/11 17:51 >>>

Dear Representative,

As a citizen of Utah, I urge you to VOTE NO on the current map being discussed in the House.

I have attended many of the public hearings on redistricting and have studied the maps. I would suggest to you that the best map, based on contiguousness and compactness, is the Garber Citizen Map (modified by Representative Brian King).
<http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-rep-king-garber-modified-king>

Please vote for this compromise map

I know and greatly appreciate that you care about and work hard for the people of Utah.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Pathak
Member of Represent Me Utah!

From: Brad Wilson
To: gail gerlach
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Representative Brad Wilson

>>> gail gerlach 10/15/11 22:16 >>>

I urge you to vote for the Gerber Citizen Map because it appears to be the most equitable and closer to the redistricting committee's recommendation the legislature appointed and we all paid for.

For a while it seemed that the Legislature was serious about open meetings and listening to constituents but in the end that appears to have been a delusion, since the Senate then drew up the plan first described by Sen. Waddoups and the House in secret drafted their own "60-62% republican in every district," completely ignoring the citizens of Utah yet again. I strongly oppose both of those plans. You spent over a million dollars for advice; you should listen to it.

I agree with the Deseret News editorial a few days ago, gerrymandering may be legal by your own rules, but it is not ethical or moral or even necessary for you to retain a majority. It not only disadvantages the minority party, it also disadvantages the majority by protecting incumbents and protecting favorites. A healthy majority of people in Utah, republicans, democrats, libertarians, and independents wanted an independent commission because they did not trust the Legislature to do the right thing. Show us you can rise above partisanship.

Gail Gerlach