

this district. Why? Because this district is not a majority-minority district. It is not Hispanic, it is not black. So I guess it is constitutional. But this district runs all over the place. I mean, they criticize a district in Louisiana saying it is only so wide. They criticize a district, the 12th Congressional District in North Carolina, represented by a very able Member of Congress, Mr. WATT. They said his district is as wide as an interstate. How wide is this district at certain points?

Now, let us do a comparison test. Let us do a little beauty contest. This is the district that was declared by the Supreme Court in its infinite wisdom as being unconstitutional, the 11th District of Georgia, which is at the top, and there is the Sixth District of Texas at the bottom. Now, you tell me which district in your opinion, if you want to talk beauty. There is a portion of this district that is not even contiguous. As a matter of fact, there are three or four portions of this district that are not contiguous. Take this portion here which is not contiguous. This little island over here to the left is not contiguous.

It just goes to show you you cannot develop an appearance standard to determine the constitutionality of a district.

The last district, which is probably the district that started this whole term gerrymandering, is a district of Massachusetts. A very able member of this body, a person who works very hard, represents the Fourth Congressional District of Massachusetts. This district is the real district because it comes from the State that brought about the term gerrymander as a result of their great Governor at that time. This district is not under challenge. It is not a majority-minority district; it is a majority-majority district. A very able member of this body represents this district, represents his constituents well, and no one asks questions about the constitutionality of this district. It is just suspect to me that only districts that appear to be unconstitutional are districts that are majority-minority.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Based on shape.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Just the other day in New York, I forgot what congressional district, but it is represented by a very able female member of this Congress.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Absolutely.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. A Hispanic district.

Ms. MCKINNEY. The Nation's first Puerto Rican American Congresswoman.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. First Puerto Rican American Congresswoman walking into the halls of Congress, now being challenged because her district looks a certain way, and it is majority Hispanic.

I just thought we would take a few minutes tonight to talk about this. And I also wanted to tell you how much your leadership has meant to

this body and will continue to mean to this body. Because I certainly have no plans of the gentlewoman leaving this body. But it really hurts me to my heart to know that the Supreme Court would rule that this beautiful district, this beautiful district, and to show you just how beautiful this district is, this absolute perfect beautiful district would be declared as an unconstitutional gerrymander, and this district here goes untouched. I want you to know that the people of Savannah and the people of all parts of Georgia who are under your great leadership, you know, have nothing to be ashamed of, and they ought to stick their chests out and be proud of the fact that they are members of this beautiful district.

I do not know what will happen in the future, but people like you are the kind of people that this country needs to make this country really project what it talks about on a day-to-day basis and even tries to get other countries to talk about, and that is democracy. Because now when we put a mirror in front of this Congress and we see a Congresswoman, a gentlewoman like you, then there are people all across America who can poke their chests out and say I am proud to be an American and I am proud to be in America because our Congress, our House of Representatives, is inclusive and not exclusive.

On a closing note, while people talk about the number of minority Members who are now Members of Congress and they talk about this uproar and this increase in numbers, there are only 40 black Members in the whole U.S. Congress, not the House of Representatives, mind you, but in the entire U.S. Congress. That is the House and the Senate.

Ms. MCKINNEY. There are 535 Members.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. There are 535 House and Senate Members, and of the 535 House and Senate Members, there are only 40 blacks. For anyone to even opine the thought that these Members are here because they were guaranteed some safety or were guaranteed seats, is absolutely wrong. The only thing they were guaranteed was an opportunity, and that was an opportunity to be able to plead their case before voters in the most diverse districts in the whole United States of America.

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And it really frightens me today that this court would find the most diverse district in the country as a district that may be unconstitutional, and it really falls square. I mean, it just falls square on the shoulders and slaps the Voting Rights Act in its face, and it also slaps those people who have worked so hard, those people who have worked so hard to fight for the passage of the Voting Rights Act, people like Martin Luther King, people like Thurgood Marshall and people like President Kennedy, I mean, people who

just gave it all to make sure that this Congress would reflect this country.

And I want to thank the gentlewoman for her willingness to come here tonight after being up for 2 nights in row and standing on the floor of this House and talking about a significant issue like reapportionment.

Ms. MCKINNEY. I commend the gentleman for his leadership on this very important issue, and I would also just like to commend you for being able to prevail in such a dark period of uncertainty when I know all of the clouds of doubt and sometimes a little bit of disappointment were trying to rain on your parade, but you were able to keep your head up high, maintain your dignity and continue to function, lead in this body. I appreciate your leadership. I appreciate your leadership on this issue, and I certainly appreciate the enduring friendship that we will have as a result of our time here together.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. I thank the gentlewoman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 8 p.m., on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK, of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. SEASTRAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MOORHEAD, in two instances.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. COX.

Mr. HYDE.
 Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
 Mr. GUNDERSON.
 Mr. HUNTER.
 Mr. SOLOMON.
 Mr. CLINGER, in two instances.
 Mr. ALLARD.
 Mrs. MORELLA.
 Mr. GILMAN.
 Mr. FIELDS of Texas.
 Mr. SHAW.
 Mr. MCINTOSH.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, June 30, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1127. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend and extend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for 2 years; to the Committee on Agriculture.

1128. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting amendments to the fiscal year 1996 appropriations requests for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Small Business Administration, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(b) (H. Doc. No. 104-88); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1129. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to extend the Solid Waste Disposal Act; to the Committee on Commerce.

1130. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to extend certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, for 2 years; to the Committee on Commerce.

1131. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend and extend the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended, for 2 years; to the Committee on Commerce.

1132. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and services sold commercially to Saudi Arabia (Transmittal No. DTC-11-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1133. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and services sold commercially to the People's Republic of China (Transmittal No. DTC-39-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1134. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, the "Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authoriza-

tion Act of 1995," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Science.

1135. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting NASA's 1994 annual report on actions taken and planned to implement fully the metric system of measurement, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 205j-1(a); to the Committee on Science.

1136. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting a report entitled, "Financial Audit: Resolution Trust Corporation's 1994 and 1993 Financial Statements" (GAO/AIMD-95-157), June 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a); jointly, to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Government Reform and Oversight.

1137. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend and extend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, for 2 years; jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

1138. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend and extend the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act for 2 years; jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Ways and Means.

1139. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend and extend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, for 2 years; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GOSS. Committee on Rules. House Resolution 177. Resolution providing for the further consideration in the Committee of the Whole of the bill (H.R. 1868) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-167). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Committee on Rules. House Resolution 179. Resolution providing for immediate consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period (Rept. 104-168). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. PRYCE. Committee on Rules. House Resolution 180. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 483) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-169). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOODLING. Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. H.R. 1557. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996, 1997, 1998 for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute for Museum Services; and to repeal the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 effective October 1, 1998; with an amendment (Rept. 104-170). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. DELUMS, Mr. OWENS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. STARK, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Ms. FURSE):

H.R. 1955. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for certain minimum requirements for group health plans with respect to obstetrical benefits; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. SHAW:

H.R. 1956. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a moratorium for the excise tax on diesel fuel sold for use or used in noncommercial diesel-powered motorboats and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to study the effectiveness of procedures to collect excise taxes on sales of diesel fuel for noncommercial motorboat use; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. GILLMAN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. TORRES, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. FROST, Mr. STUPAK, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. EVANS, Mr. KLINK, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H.R. 1957. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the deduction of certain interest on automobile loans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DORNAN:

H.R. 1958. A bill to modify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts with respect to abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FAWELL:

H.R. 1959. A bill to repeal the Walsh-Healey Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 1960. A bill to govern relations between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization [PLO], to enforce PLO compliance with standards of international conduct, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GORDON (for himself, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr. FORD, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. WAMP):

H.R. 1961. A bill to designate the Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 1962. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for certain gratuitous transfers of employer securities for the benefit of employees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCHUGH (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. JACOBS, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. KENNELLY,