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00:00:40,960 --> 00:00:48,860
everyone please take your seats and
we'll proceed on call at this time Rudy

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00:00:48,860 --> 00:00:56,899
T Garza mr garza you've been been
previously sworn if you'd state your

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00:00:56,899 --> 00:01:00,129
full name the capacity in which you're
appearing and then receivers mistake

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00:01:00,129 --> 00:01:07,369
Thank You mr. Dolan I'm Rudy Garcia and
I'm from Corpus Christi Texas and I am a

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00:01:07,369 --> 00:01:14,810
lifetime citizen of Corpus Christi all
52 years of me first of all I'm gonna

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00:01:14,810 --> 00:01:22,310
try to reduce my presentation here in my
testimony before the committee to mainly

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00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:27,020
to try to enlighten the committee as to
what my observations have been there in

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00:01:27,020 --> 00:01:32,780
a County in regard to the presentations
thus far regarding this splitting of the

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00:01:32,780 --> 00:01:39,280
County and keeping the county intact the
some of the presentations that I have

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00:01:39,280 --> 00:01:45,229
seen there in Corpus Christi have been
made by some of the political leaders

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00:01:45,229 --> 00:01:49,520
and others another presentation that I

was able to observe was made by one of

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00:01:49,520 --> 00:01:56,739

our state representatives that I was
able to observe there now as far as any

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00:01:56,739 --> 00:02:03,950

particulars on the counties in this in
this redistricting I mean I I'm not

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00:02:03,950 --> 00:02:09,319

gonna go into any details as far as the
the particulars on the way that this

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00:02:09,319 --> 00:02:14,060

county the county tends to be divided
but I am gonna gonna make my

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00:02:14,060 --> 00:02:19,819

presentation along along the line of
that I did see one of the presentations

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00:02:19,819 --> 00:02:23,360

that was made by one of our political
leaders there and which was made along a

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00:02:23,360 --> 00:02:28,580

racial line when I say that it's made
along a racial line I think that to a

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00:02:28,580 --> 00:02:34,090

great extent some of these leaders are
guilty of false presentation because

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00:02:34,090 --> 00:02:39,769

they present you might say to one
segment of our group or a majority of

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00:02:39,769 --> 00:02:45,890

our Hispanic members there the fact that
if the county which is nueces county has

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00:02:45,890 --> 00:02:49,610

split up
then then it's going to dilute the

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00:02:49,610 --> 00:02:55,819
strength of the mexican-american voter
and I say that they're wrong and my

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00:02:55,819 --> 00:03:01,030
reasons for saying they're wrong and I'm
going to take this minority ethnic

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00:03:01,030 --> 00:03:07,280
breakdown proposed congrats congressional
district figures here that you had over

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00:03:07,280 --> 00:03:11,090
there on your counter a minute ago I
think all of you have this before you

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00:03:11,090 --> 00:03:16,099
you get down to the 14th congressional
district which is our district there and

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00:03:16,099 --> 00:03:20,510
our total members in that district are
five hundred and twenty nine thousand

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00:03:20,510 --> 00:03:26,629
five hundred and eighty of which six
point twenty six or black thirty nine

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00:03:26,629 --> 00:03:32,930
point eighty eight or Spanish a total of
forty six point fourteen or blacks and

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00:03:32,930 --> 00:03:38,810
Spanish and then it says others as
twelve point seventy seven okay now

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00:03:38,810 --> 00:03:42,560
regarding the same argument that we sort
of that I observed a little while ago

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00:03:42,560 --> 00:03:49,040

here saying that what these people have
less representation to be just knows

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00:03:49,040 --> 00:03:57,169

what what plan if you go down to the
district to district fourteen on your on

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00:03:57,169 --> 00:04:02,389

your ethnic background is that the
figures that you have there or where it

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00:04:02,389 --> 00:04:06,199

gets down to this House bill ninety yeah
House bill 88 that's correct

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00:04:06,199 --> 00:04:10,190

okay and I'm assuming that this figures
are the great figures okay

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00:04:10,190 --> 00:04:18,349

but regardless okay but anyway
regardless of which bill it applies to

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00:04:18,349 --> 00:04:23,870

our mr. chairman what what I mean I mean
to say is this that if this figures of

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00:04:23,870 --> 00:04:30,260

thirty nine point eighty eight percent
are correct and I'm I'm supporting the

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00:04:30,260 --> 00:04:34,159

splitting of noises County for the
possibility of having the two

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00:04:34,159 --> 00:04:36,560

congressional district let me make that
very clear

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00:04:36,560 --> 00:04:42,440

okay then if you take the thirty nine
point eighty eight percent Spanish and

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00:04:42,440 --> 00:04:47,260

you take the six point twenty six
percent black and let me stress that

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00:04:47,260 --> 00:04:53,990

most of all of these Spanish and blacks
live

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00:04:53,990 --> 00:05:02,430

live you might say in a populated area
that would normally or will go into one

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00:05:02,430 --> 00:05:07,080

district if it is split up and they
split it going into Jim wells and all

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00:05:07,080 --> 00:05:12,169

the way to Laredo and some proposals
have come about it still would still

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00:05:12,169 --> 00:05:17,729

take in most of all this percentage so
percentage-wise most of this percentage

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00:05:17,729 --> 00:05:22,680

of Hispanics and blacks would stay
intact then what I'm saying is that if

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00:05:22,680 --> 00:05:28,190

it were split into two districts and you
take the same percentages and apply it

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00:05:28,190 --> 00:05:38,130

against one district the chances of a
Spanish or a black being elected would

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00:05:38,130 --> 00:05:42,540

be far greater than they're being
presented by some of these people that

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00:05:42,540 --> 00:05:48,090

say that splitting what caused this
percentages to be diluted I say they're

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00:05:48,090 --> 00:05:52,169

wrong it would not cause them to be diluted and at least the arithmetic that

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00:05:52,169 --> 00:05:58,770

I learned I learned at school was that this kind of percentages are supplied to

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00:05:58,770 --> 00:06:04,639

half of these figures would still be far greater in the way of influencing or

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00:06:04,639 --> 00:06:11,400

getting a person elected in one district than if you kept it as one that's about

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00:06:11,400 --> 00:06:17,340

all I have to say I'll be glad to answer any questions but I do want to reduce it

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00:06:17,340 --> 00:06:22,289

down only to the level of how the the Hispanics or the blacks can be affected

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00:06:22,289 --> 00:06:25,250

in the

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00:06:41,650 --> 00:06:46,050

I'm on the question of dilution

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00:06:48,080 --> 00:06:58,159

do you think that the Hispanic community is better served by being able to

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00:06:58,159 --> 00:07:05,650

influence the election one congressman or two

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00:07:08,000 --> 00:07:14,110

is that only a question sir is that only a question that's all of that one okay I

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00:07:14,110 --> 00:07:20,110

think that the that the Spanish
community would be better served by

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00:07:20,110 --> 00:07:27,140

having two congressmen then they would
buy one simply mr. Washington because

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00:07:27,140 --> 00:07:31,010

and I'm sure that I could sit down and
show it to you

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00:07:31,010 --> 00:07:35,630

of course mr. Berlanga is familiar with
Corpus Christi the same way I am and we

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00:07:35,630 --> 00:07:40,760

we live about three blocks apart so we
live in the same area and I think could

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00:07:40,760 --> 00:07:45,380

he and I basically don't disagree much
I'm hardly anything we may disagree on

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00:07:45,380 --> 00:07:51,590

this but I'm saying that if you take
this percentages of people and you apply

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00:07:51,590 --> 00:07:56,090

it and I feel that there's no way in the
world that they can break this districts

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00:07:56,090 --> 00:08:02,750

up to where they could dilute this
percentages as they have been stated by

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00:08:02,750 --> 00:08:07,880

some of these leaders they say that the
reason some of our conservative forces

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00:08:07,880 --> 00:08:12,050

as they stated are trying to split the
district is because they're trying to

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00:08:12,050 --> 00:08:16,100
dilute the dilute the strength of the
Mexican American and I disagree because

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00:08:16,100 --> 00:08:20,390
there's no way in a world that they can
do it it would increase our chances of

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00:08:20,390 --> 00:08:26,270
getting and Hispanic elected if we keep
this percentages against half as many

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00:08:26,270 --> 00:08:28,840
total

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00:08:39,140 --> 00:08:47,610
racism Theresa Refugio ramzes Victoria
Calhoun Jackson what amount of guarded

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00:08:47,610 --> 00:08:51,600
counties are in the district that
correspond to the numbers before you

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00:08:51,600 --> 00:08:56,880
which is fourteen the plan that you and
the other advocates on behalf of

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00:08:56,880 --> 00:09:03,360
dividing the racist County I suggest to
you would significantly diminish the

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00:09:03,360 --> 00:09:10,500
number of Mexican American voters in the
district that was proposed to be the

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00:09:10,500 --> 00:09:24,990
eastern and southern half Nueces County
that would take in branches assuming as

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00:09:24,990 --> 00:09:31,220
Washington assuming that what you're
saying is correct what are you gonna do

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00:09:31,220 --> 00:09:37,920

with this diluted portion I don't think
that I don't think there's any way in my

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00:09:37,920 --> 00:09:41,280

opinion now I don't think there's any
way you can go into Melissa's County and

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00:09:41,280 --> 00:09:46,800

they loop this percentage is you may put
them into another district well but I

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00:09:46,800 --> 00:09:50,730

can't see where you can dilute them
because they're the Hispanic population

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00:09:50,730 --> 00:09:55,200

mr. Washington is not going to be
deluded in the future years for your

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00:09:55,200 --> 00:09:59,340

information we have more birth and we
have more people becoming a voting age

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00:09:59,340 --> 00:10:03,990

and whether you take them in any
particular district or not they're still

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00:10:03,990 --> 00:10:06,930

got to be placed somewhere you're not
gonna throw them out the window

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00:10:06,930 --> 00:10:17,450

no mr. Garza that as a function of a lot
of factors that are behind all of us now

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00:10:17,450 --> 00:10:22,590

people of the black persuasion and
people are the brown persuasion are more

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00:10:22,590 --> 00:10:26,990

likely than not to live in certain

geographical area

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00:10:26,990 --> 00:10:33,890

I agree that they will tend to move know
what the biggest percentages of them I

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00:10:33,890 --> 00:10:38,570

mean the Savings and Loan business I can
tell you how those people move I can

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00:10:38,570 --> 00:10:43,550

tell you how they and it's like when
you're talking about south side of

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00:10:43,550 --> 00:10:48,740

Corpus Christi a lot of people say south
side of Corpus Christi is angle let me

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00:10:48,740 --> 00:10:53,240

tell you one thing they're moving all
over the place but that does not mean a

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00:10:53,240 --> 00:10:55,730

fortune the ones that can afford to is
correct

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00:10:55,730 --> 00:10:58,520

it's an hour now where we're gonna be
talking about something else we're gonna

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00:10:58,520 --> 00:11:03,380

be talking then about economic effects
not about voting of things well would

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00:11:03,380 --> 00:11:11,050

you agree with me that it's more likely
than not that better than 80 percent of

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00:11:11,050 --> 00:11:19,430

the people of Spanish art who live in
Nueces County live with imaginary live

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00:11:19,430 --> 00:11:24,320

east of west of an imaginary line that
you draw about right here in square

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00:11:24,320 --> 00:11:29,720

sorry yes and that's a function of a lot
of reasons not the least of which have

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00:11:29,720 --> 00:11:34,160

been the availability of housing right
right but that ain't gonna stop tomorrow

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00:11:34,160 --> 00:11:37,730

that's right they're not gonna be
dispersed all over the community

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00:11:37,730 --> 00:11:42,860

tomorrow

all of us have as a goal of mobility

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00:11:42,860 --> 00:11:48,050

such that we all live in a homogeneous
society in which some of my neighbors

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00:11:48,050 --> 00:11:53,270

are brown some of my neighbors are white
some of yours black some of yours are

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00:11:53,270 --> 00:11:57,830

white but we have to live with what we
have we look what's out there on the

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00:11:57,830 --> 00:12:04,130

ground like a surveyor SAS today right
that is ready okay now in as much as

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00:12:04,130 --> 00:12:09,350

that's true it's been recognized by some
that to the extent that there are

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00:12:09,350 --> 00:12:15,079

communities of interest I think bill
Houston touched upon this some of their

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00:12:15,079 --> 00:12:19,700
problems may be similar from time to
time as a function of the geography in

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00:12:19,700 --> 00:12:27,170
which they live agree with that that if
that if people live in a given area and

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00:12:27,170 --> 00:12:32,529
the housing is generally about the same
in that area either apartment dwellers

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00:12:32,529 --> 00:12:37,930
ritter's home owners
who live in in all wood houses

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00:12:37,930 --> 00:12:42,860
homeowners who live in brick front
houses homeowners who live in all brick

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00:12:42,860 --> 00:12:47,030
houses homeowners who live in two-story
houses and homeowners who live for like

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00:12:47,030 --> 00:12:51,290
the area that are around the sea wall
out there Corpus Christi that's very

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00:12:51,290 --> 00:12:55,610
beautiful would you think that I would
expect it half the people that live over

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00:12:55,610 --> 00:13:01,850
there or Mexican Americans mr.
Washington I think really know now

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00:13:01,850 --> 00:13:07,070
here's how as far as I'm concerned the
reason for my presentation here right

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00:13:07,070 --> 00:13:14,720
now is s to my concerns regarding
whether any Hispanics and I'm and I have

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00:13:14,720 --> 00:13:20,180

been involved politically quite a bit
and I'll say one thing I'm concerned

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00:13:20,180 --> 00:13:24,110

whether Hispanics can get elected I'm
concerned whether blacks can get elected

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00:13:24,110 --> 00:13:28,160

and I'm concerned when their angles get
elected and I don't want any one of the

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00:13:28,160 --> 00:13:33,080

three segments to get knocked on their
cans and got to put it that way just

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00:13:33,080 --> 00:13:36,470

because of the fact that they were black
or they were Hispanic or they were

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00:13:36,470 --> 00:13:40,550

angles now this is well this is
something that used to happen that used

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00:13:40,550 --> 00:13:46,160

to happen I'll say in our area in our
area you didn't have a single Hispanic

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00:13:46,160 --> 00:13:51,380

in our courthouse or in our city hall
now after 25 years we've gotten to a

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00:13:51,380 --> 00:13:56,420

point of where we don't have any spanic
in City Hall but still right here I

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00:13:56,420 --> 00:14:00,320

think there's only one concern and
that's our congressional district

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00:14:00,320 --> 00:14:04,340

because that's I think really what we're
reduced to or four we're discussing here

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00:14:04,340 --> 00:14:08,420

well and then I still regard that you're suggesting that the only way that the

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00:14:08,420 --> 00:14:17,390

mexican-american community can Brown congressman is to put all them together

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00:14:17,390 --> 00:14:24,050

take the white people who happen to live on the east side of Nueces County

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00:14:24,050 --> 00:14:28,459

and in pair there I match them up with some of the counties that have high

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00:14:28,459 --> 00:14:34,670

incidences of mexican-american people right no no because let me say this now

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00:14:34,670 --> 00:14:41,029

I'm gonna have to go back to the fact that these people and when I say this

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00:14:41,029 --> 00:14:44,720

I'm talking about some of our political leaders who seem to be the only ones

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00:14:44,720 --> 00:14:50,660

that are heard when it comes down to any hearings here in the state Senate or in

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00:14:50,660 --> 00:14:54,860

our house because they're generally the only ones that are contacted as to when

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00:14:54,860 --> 00:15:00,319

these hearings are occurring okay and those are the people that that are the

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00:15:00,319 --> 00:15:04,670

ones that have made the statement that

the reason that these splitting of this

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00:15:04,670 --> 00:15:09,379

district is wanted is because of the
fact that it's going to dilute the

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00:15:09,379 --> 00:15:15,079

strength of the Hispanic and I say no I
say that if we didn't have two districts

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00:15:15,079 --> 00:15:19,160

I'm not gonna tell you that's the only
way that and Hispanic can get elected I

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00:15:19,160 --> 00:15:25,999

have worked and I have searched in my
last 17 or 18 years for means whereby a

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00:15:25,999 --> 00:15:30,949

person can be elected regardless
regardless of what his ethnic origin has

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00:15:30,949 --> 00:15:35,449

been and I think that we have gotten a
lot of success but forget about the

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00:15:35,449 --> 00:15:39,499

court house and forget about anything
else I've got to come back to how it

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00:15:39,499 --> 00:15:44,299

affects the districts it's in discussion
right now about the okay and these

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00:15:44,299 --> 00:15:50,720

people continue to say that that the
strength of the Hispanic in them in

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00:15:50,720 --> 00:15:54,589

electing a congressman and I want to say
congressman I'm not gonna say in

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00:15:54,589 --> 00:16:00,619

Hispanic okay I'm gonna say a congressman it's going to be diluted if

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00:16:00,619 --> 00:16:05,749

there are two districts and I say there always let me ask a question if you

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00:16:05,749 --> 00:16:11,769

assume would mean for the sake of discussion she would take this cup

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00:16:13,029 --> 00:16:21,759

approximately what portion of the people in Nueces County Spanish surname proxima

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00:16:21,759 --> 00:16:29,379

proximately I'd say about 53% that's what the radio statistics we took this

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00:16:29,379 --> 00:16:37,120

cup and put half a cup of red soda in it and mix it with half a cup of water we

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00:16:37,120 --> 00:16:44,230

spit it up right right if you put a half a cup of water half a cup of red sorry

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00:16:44,230 --> 00:16:48,579

you don't have a full cup that's four cup would be lighter than the red soda

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00:16:48,579 --> 00:16:55,149

would if you took that half a cup and you poured half of it in one of these

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00:16:55,149 --> 00:17:06,459

cups and half in the other and again fill them up with water you're taking

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00:17:06,459 --> 00:17:11,709

agree because you a mexican-american population you said that they all live

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00:17:11,709 --> 00:17:18,100

in one place now the majority okay so if they all live in one place and if all

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00:17:18,100 --> 00:17:22,209

that's in one district then what happens to the few who live on the other side of

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00:17:22,209 --> 00:17:26,439

that line okay now let me show you something right there ain't regard to

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00:17:26,439 --> 00:17:30,730

your comparison if I may mr. what regard to your comparison you took that cup of

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00:17:30,730 --> 00:17:36,070

Ritz 1/2 cup of red soda and then you split that half cup of red soda one way

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00:17:36,070 --> 00:17:40,600

and half a cup the other way in my contention

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00:17:40,600 --> 00:17:44,980

I'm keeping the majority of all that red sort of together whether you have it on

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00:17:44,980 --> 00:17:53,530

one side so it does not lose it that's what you're saying I say that it's going

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00:17:53,530 --> 00:17:58,750

to have an impact on half of the total figures here and you're going to have a

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00:17:58,750 --> 00:18:05,020

larger impact as compared to two hundred and sixty four thousand five hundred as

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00:18:05,020 --> 00:18:10,020

against five hundred and twenty-nine thousand roses

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00:18:10,909 --> 00:18:15,440
a map that doesn't correspond with
whatever the figures are mr. Washington

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00:18:15,440 --> 00:18:18,889
I like I said I don't know a decent
grade whatever the figures are they all

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00:18:18,889 --> 00:18:22,849
right I'm not saying it to incorrect but
they're based upon keeping Nueces

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00:18:22,849 --> 00:18:29,889
counted together okay would you say that

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00:18:39,009 --> 00:18:44,080
so it's just a mathematical computation

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00:18:59,799 --> 00:19:08,119
twenty-six thousand twenty six thousand
six thousand five hundred and fifty

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00:19:08,119 --> 00:19:18,499
thousand they still as long as I'm gonna
flip your existing people in any given

192
00:19:18,499 --> 00:19:25,129
area that that percentage that is
represented here cannot be now if you

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00:19:25,129 --> 00:19:31,940
dilute par you go down and you split
this 39% then you can delude it in any

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00:19:31,940 --> 00:19:39,200
percentage that you want to go so your
testimony here is that 26,000 Browns who

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00:19:39,200 --> 00:19:43,249
would live in the new coastal district
that's been proposed by your colleagues

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00:19:43,249 --> 00:19:47,570
would have as much influence on the
election of that congressman as would

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00:19:47,570 --> 00:19:52,700
the Mexican Americans who lived in the
west side of the district my contention

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00:19:52,700 --> 00:19:59,960
is my testimony is mr. Washington that
you cannot hold this five hundred and

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00:19:59,960 --> 00:20:07,509
some 1000 people in that district with a
thirty nine percent Hispanic voting ass

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00:20:07,509 --> 00:20:13,609
thrown against those five hundred and
twenty nine thousand and have as much

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00:20:13,609 --> 00:20:19,030
influence as you as you would have if
you would split that district

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00:20:19,030 --> 00:20:25,160
regardless of where you draw the lines
on unless the lines would be drawn right

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00:20:25,160 --> 00:20:29,930
in the middle of the mexican-american
community and so far I have not seen a

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00:20:29,930 --> 00:20:34,400
single plan that proposes to draw the
lines right down the middle of the

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00:20:34,400 --> 00:20:39,340
Mexican American community if that were
done then I myself would oppose it

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00:20:39,340 --> 00:20:45,470
because of the fact then then I then I
would see proof that the strength of the

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00:20:45,470 --> 00:20:52,030

mexican-american community was trying to
be diluted I don't see that now sorry

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00:20:59,800 --> 00:21:05,720

Trudy you you've been involved in
politics for a long time in Nueces

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00:21:05,720 --> 00:21:13,010

County and on both sides of the fence
because I think you're probably one of

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00:21:13,010 --> 00:21:18,020

those individuals that have for whatever
reason been disillusioned by the

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00:21:18,020 --> 00:21:20,780

Democratic Party whatever but for the
most part I think I've always found to

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00:21:20,780 --> 00:21:26,600

be very independent individual that has
done what you felt is right and live by

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00:21:26,600 --> 00:21:30,650

that I think didn't she run for elected
office one time in the ices County yeah

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00:21:30,650 --> 00:21:34,850

I've run three times he ran three times
did you ever win any of those officers

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00:21:34,850 --> 00:21:42,800

no okay there's no shame no I know that
now back to my question I want to set up

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00:21:42,800 --> 00:21:48,140

a pattern you indicated and I think we
live I think several blocks away from

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00:21:48,140 --> 00:21:54,980

each other do you think that yourself
would have an impact or an influence in

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00:21:54,980 --> 00:22:03,620
a district that would be split they
would move southward and eastward taken

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00:22:03,620 --> 00:22:06,890
into consideration minutes of order as
far as a candidate was to none as a

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00:22:06,890 --> 00:22:12,110
voter as a voter
I believe mr. Rolanda that as a voter

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00:22:12,110 --> 00:22:16,790
I could have now this is my personal
feeling okay I believe that as a voter

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00:22:16,790 --> 00:22:22,460
and looking at the proposed line of
division that was proposed er I believe

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00:22:22,460 --> 00:22:27,350
that I could have an equal amount of
influence on one side of the district as

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00:22:27,350 --> 00:22:29,870
I would on the other side of the
district

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00:22:29,870 --> 00:22:34,790
where I lived because I have learned to
make friends that's not that's not my

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00:22:34,790 --> 00:22:38,240
question you you you're only now
understand that you can only vote in one

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00:22:38,240 --> 00:22:40,670
of those district right
okay let's drink that I would that I

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00:22:40,670 --> 00:22:47,360
would be in okay

you would have an influence no no now

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00:22:47,360 --> 00:22:51,110

remember you live in my district okay we
live I was into your district let me put

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00:22:51,110 --> 00:22:55,309

it this way
and if whoever ran from for the

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00:22:55,309 --> 00:22:59,570

congressman in that district I believe I
could have a good influence in that you

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00:22:59,570 --> 00:23:03,650

would vote and participate in that
primary what I choose to participate in

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00:23:03,650 --> 00:23:07,580

that primary huh I choose to participate
if you want to know why my political

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00:23:07,580 --> 00:23:13,070

allegiance I would participate in the
Republican primary because I am okay

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00:23:13,070 --> 00:23:17,660

that's a primary I would participate in
now when you say a primary remember you

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00:23:17,660 --> 00:23:21,020

have a primary and you also have any
gentlemen that's right but that's what

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00:23:21,020 --> 00:23:24,620

I'm getting back to the question that I
I was trying to figure out whether or

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00:23:24,620 --> 00:23:34,490

not we were gonna be able to bring you
back into the primary of a party well

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00:23:34,490 --> 00:23:38,480

this is what I'm getting to the question
and that is are you you know you're

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00:23:38,480 --> 00:23:43,670
saying that you can influence in the
political process on the election of a

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00:23:43,670 --> 00:23:47,030
congressman under the split set up being
that we live next to each other but yet

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00:23:47,030 --> 00:23:51,320
you're saying I'm not gonna participate
in the primary so where's your influence

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00:23:51,320 --> 00:24:04,010
going to commit me let me say this okay
every person or every voter that wants

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00:24:04,010 --> 00:24:09,140
to have an influence has a right to
participate with whoever he feels can

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00:24:09,140 --> 00:24:16,100
represent him the most that's right now
I'm not gonna get into into party

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00:24:16,100 --> 00:24:23,240
politics here because there is I have no
guarantee that any person running in my

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00:24:23,240 --> 00:24:27,800
district would necessarily be a
Republican that's my political

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00:24:27,800 --> 00:24:33,590
preference but then if I cannot have a
Republican representing me in the

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00:24:33,590 --> 00:24:39,410
district that I live in I would like to
have a Democrat representing me as close

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00:24:39,410 --> 00:24:42,799
to my political philosophy as I could
get

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00:24:42,799 --> 00:24:51,450
and mr. milonga I think that coming down
I don't think that if the districts are

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00:24:51,450 --> 00:24:56,580
set up or you're talking about the
splitting of a district in any kind of a

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00:24:56,580 --> 00:25:01,649
way it should be looked upon as what
it's gonna mean to the Republicans of

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00:25:01,649 --> 00:25:07,590
what it's going to be surely Democrat my
only question that I'm trying to

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00:25:07,590 --> 00:25:15,509
establish is it I'm a little lost for
the debt for the diluted factor number

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00:25:15,509 --> 00:25:20,909
one you live real close to me and
obviously you said that your preference

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00:25:20,909 --> 00:25:24,210
is Republican therefore you would be
diluted as far as your participation

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00:25:24,210 --> 00:25:29,669
because you would not participate in the
primary and obviously conceivably that

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00:25:29,669 --> 00:25:33,960
district would be very democratic and
then I'm concerned because you also by

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00:25:33,960 --> 00:25:38,909
virtue the fact that you live so close
to me you will not be voting in the

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00:25:38,909 --> 00:25:42,629

other congressional district because you do not live there and therefore you

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00:25:42,629 --> 00:25:47,610

would not be participating in that primary and consequently I think that

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00:25:47,610 --> 00:25:52,230

your participation in the end result in the bottom line would be such that the

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00:25:52,230 --> 00:25:57,570

net effect your not going to conceivably you're not going to participate by

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00:25:57,570 --> 00:26:02,850

voting to benefit either the Hispanic so-called district it would be created

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00:26:02,850 --> 00:26:07,559

on the west side of Corpus Christi or in the more conservative Anglo dominated

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00:26:07,559 --> 00:26:10,110

district on the south side don't you agree

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00:26:10,110 --> 00:26:15,090

well no I disagree on one point right there mister Berlanga that is for us the

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00:26:15,090 --> 00:26:19,559

statement you're making right here you are making a statement along a party

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00:26:19,559 --> 00:26:24,240

line and I don't see this figures that are represented here that state how many

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00:26:24,240 --> 00:26:29,580

Hispanics there are in the distant stating how many people that are of the

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00:26:29,580 --> 00:26:35,940
Spanish voter or either Republicans or
Democrats what what say away from the

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00:26:35,940 --> 00:26:41,789
party label and I also have to say to
correctly on one thing now you are also

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00:26:41,789 --> 00:26:45,720
stating there because of the fact and in
my testimony that I'm giving here and

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00:26:45,720 --> 00:26:50,009
that I stated I was a Republican that
that means that I will have no

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00:26:50,009 --> 00:26:54,390
representation I will have
representation now mister

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00:26:54,390 --> 00:26:59,940
and they're supposing that a Republican
candidate is running you might say and

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00:26:59,940 --> 00:27:04,080
I'm not interested in that Republican
candidate that's running for whatever

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00:27:04,080 --> 00:27:12,600
reasons no I'll tell you one thing and I
have to to go back to a question that I

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00:27:12,600 --> 00:27:18,620
made once and that says I said mister
Berlanga I'm not going to support a

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00:27:18,620 --> 00:27:24,720
party member simply because he's a party
member he's got to show me that he

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00:27:24,720 --> 00:27:32,820
deserves to be to get my support but I

don't believe mr. belong at least so far

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00:27:32,820 --> 00:27:39,960

up until right now I had never seen
anybody referred to representation along

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00:27:39,960 --> 00:27:48,260

a party line I know now let me say this
if I may add to that mr. Wilander I know

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00:27:48,260 --> 00:27:53,100

that if any of the members of the
committee here were to say that they

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00:27:53,100 --> 00:27:56,910

don't look at it that way it would be
different because I am of the assumption

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00:27:56,910 --> 00:28:01,590

that the majority of the members that
are up there are Democrats whether there

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00:28:01,590 --> 00:28:05,550

would be conservative or liberal mr.
Garza I understand that I'm not trying

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00:28:05,550 --> 00:28:09,470

to you know belabor the point my only
concern was number one that I think that

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00:28:09,470 --> 00:28:13,560

and obviously we disagree that there
would be a dilution factor because it

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00:28:13,560 --> 00:28:16,830

for example if you looked at ken
Raleigh's district it's about twenty

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00:28:16,830 --> 00:28:22,910

percent of Hispanic okay and we're
virtually talking about removing that

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00:28:22,910 --> 00:28:28,050

district in toto and moving it into a coastal district so in effect that

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00:28:28,050 --> 00:28:32,130

twenty percent of Hispanics in the in that part of the community would not

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00:28:32,130 --> 00:28:37,440

have an impact in that district in that district at the same time I'm concerned

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00:28:37,440 --> 00:28:42,150

for example for you because being that you would be more inclined to vote in

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00:28:42,150 --> 00:28:46,740

the Republican primary and participate in that aspect and the bottom line being

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00:28:46,740 --> 00:28:51,180

that I think you have a greater impact by voting and I think you would agree I

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00:28:51,180 --> 00:28:54,090

think the cheer vote would be more counted he would have a greater impact

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00:28:54,090 --> 00:28:58,470

it would be taken into greater consideration and I'm concerned that by

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00:28:58,470 --> 00:29:01,200

virtue of the fact that she would probably not participate in the

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00:29:01,200 --> 00:29:05,430

Democratic primary that she would not have an impact in that district and here

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00:29:05,430 --> 00:29:07,920

you would not be able to impact the other district because you would not be

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00:29:07,920 --> 00:29:09,490
able to
in the district and that's what I'm

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00:29:09,490 --> 00:29:13,660
trying to get at today in your
particular case I think that you end up

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00:29:13,660 --> 00:29:17,950
losing on both ends because you will not
have an impact on either one of those

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00:29:17,950 --> 00:29:23,020
districts even though you're advocating
that such a split occur well I'm sure

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00:29:23,020 --> 00:29:28,960
one thing I stated a minute ago that you
and I disagreed very little but this is

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00:29:28,960 --> 00:29:33,160
one of the occasions where I do disagree
with him because if I didn't disagree

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00:29:33,160 --> 00:29:36,760
with you I wouldn't be here testifying
right now that's right okay now in

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00:29:36,760 --> 00:29:41,320
regard to your 20% that you pointed out
in the Ken Reilly district if the 20%

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00:29:41,320 --> 00:29:53,920
were to be penalized because the
districts know but you pointed out now

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00:29:53,920 --> 00:29:59,260
he's pointed out to a section of town
mr. Washington okay okay

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00:29:59,260 --> 00:30:05,740
if the 20% were to lose strength then I
might add to you that the 80% on the

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00:30:05,740 --> 00:30:15,010

other side of the district would gain
strength have you followed the

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00:30:15,010 --> 00:30:18,880

redistricting process during the course
of the legislative deliberations over

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00:30:18,880 --> 00:30:23,500

the last since the first of the year I
haven't followed everyone mr. mr.

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00:30:23,500 --> 00:30:27,850

Windell have you read about that's right
I have been reading about them and I

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00:30:27,850 --> 00:30:32,560

tell so on every occasion that I have
had an opportunity you know to read

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00:30:32,560 --> 00:30:38,740

about them or to see a presentation you
know about them now we did have an

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00:30:38,740 --> 00:30:42,730

occasional for mr. Berlanga made a
presentation there in in corpus you know

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00:30:42,730 --> 00:30:46,660

and he pretty well
states the same thing that that I feel

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00:30:46,660 --> 00:30:53,920

and that says that whether a man be an
Hispanic or whether a man be an Anglo he

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00:30:53,920 --> 00:31:01,330

can be successful we have cases and this
was part of his presentation which were

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00:31:01,330 --> 00:31:05,480

presented in this in this form like
annales where you have

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00:31:05,480 --> 00:31:10,190
Plus Brenner over there that is a
representative in a primarily Hispanic

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00:31:10,190 --> 00:31:14,510
community you know and you have
representatives of Hispanic origin where

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00:31:14,510 --> 00:31:19,880
they only have about 35 and 37 percent
so I mean I'm in agreement as far as say

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00:31:19,880 --> 00:31:24,620
a person I don't believe that you will
ever create a district in my opinion

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00:31:24,620 --> 00:31:31,750
that will give you the guarantee that
you're gonna get an Hispanic or black or

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00:31:31,750 --> 00:31:37,100
anybody elected if the people cannot be
convinced to vote for somebody mr. Garza

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00:31:37,100 --> 00:31:43,519
did you happen to see any press accounts
of the passage of the original Senate

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00:31:43,519 --> 00:31:47,809
version of a redistricting bill four
congressional districts and one that was

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00:31:47,809 --> 00:31:53,690
best to be no no passed during the
regular session and that took Nueces

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00:31:53,690 --> 00:31:58,730
County north are you familiar with any
plans that had taken Nueces County north

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00:31:58,730 --> 00:32:04,190
I know sir to be honest with you mr.

Wrenn Dolan I'm not I did I did get to

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00:32:04,190 --> 00:32:08,539

read about those plans that were being presented but as far as saying that I'm

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00:32:08,539 --> 00:32:12,860

familiar with them no sir I did not I am NOT did you hear any of the leaders

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00:32:12,860 --> 00:32:17,330

within the Mexican American community express a preference as to where they

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00:32:17,330 --> 00:32:23,000

would like to have Nueces County go that is north or south I heard some of the

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00:32:23,000 --> 00:32:29,870

leaders like I say but the presentations that were made other than the the

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00:32:29,870 --> 00:32:35,120

presentation made must by mr. Burlando was not aimed at along those lines the

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00:32:35,120 --> 00:32:41,090

only presentation said I saw that were made were aimed a long line of trying to

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00:32:41,090 --> 00:32:47,419

convince the people there that this particular plan to split the county was

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00:32:47,419 --> 00:32:52,610

being done in an effort to dilute the Hispanic vote there was the only

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00:32:52,610 --> 00:32:57,139

presentation that I that I had an okay do you have an opinion as to what the

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00:32:57,139 --> 00:33:01,639

attitude people within the
mexican-american community that you deal

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00:33:01,639 --> 00:33:06,500

with on a regular basis would be if
Nueces County were taken north the

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00:33:06,500 --> 00:33:11,350

entire county would the people within
the Mexican American community feel

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00:33:11,350 --> 00:33:15,400

good about that since that's the way it
is at this time or do you think that

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00:33:15,400 --> 00:33:20,080

they would prefer that it goes south if
the county were kept intact

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00:33:20,080 --> 00:33:28,840

well mr. n Dolan if you if you refer to
some of our leaders and I already told

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00:33:28,840 --> 00:33:33,250

you the kind of presentation they made I
would say that some of our leaders would

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00:33:33,250 --> 00:33:39,490

would prefer for it not to be taken
north I would say that that the Hispanic

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00:33:39,490 --> 00:33:44,320

community as a whole and I'm gonna have
to place these figures if I may I would

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00:33:44,320 --> 00:33:49,870

say that 95 percent of the Hispanic
community as a whole is so darn confused

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00:33:49,870 --> 00:33:54,910

they don't know which way this thing is
going and I think that probably out of

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00:33:54,910 --> 00:34:05,410
that a big portion could care less if
Nueces County was divided in such a way

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00:34:05,410 --> 00:34:11,320
that the mexican-american population or
a substantial portion of it were taken

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00:34:11,320 --> 00:34:18,010
south and with what we might call South
Central Texas and the remainder of the

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00:34:18,010 --> 00:34:24,100
county were taken north in a district
configuration similar to that which it

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00:34:24,100 --> 00:34:31,390
has now do you think that the interest
of both the Mexican American people and

363
00:34:31,390 --> 00:34:36,040
the remainder of the county would be
well served if it were in essence if it

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00:34:36,040 --> 00:34:42,090
were split into two districts that's
right I believe that it would

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00:34:44,750 --> 00:34:52,710
mr. chairman one follow-up question to
that mr. Garza do you think that we

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00:34:52,710 --> 00:34:59,100
would have a community of interest
assuming that a split occurred or let's

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00:34:59,100 --> 00:35:03,410
get back to what he made reference to
and that was a split that would take

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00:35:03,410 --> 00:35:09,720
Nueces County West south and into that
Central Texas district do you think that

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00:35:09,720 --> 00:35:18,530

there would be a community of interest
say with Hays County Carlow Gonzalez

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00:35:18,530 --> 00:35:26,640

DeWitt those central counties do you
think that the Hispanic community in

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00:35:26,640 --> 00:35:33,300

that area in Central Texas would have a
community of interest say with the Lower

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00:35:33,300 --> 00:35:39,470

Rio Grande Valley
Jim Hall Brooks Willacy and Kenan

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00:35:39,930 --> 00:35:45,930

no I do not believe that in regard to
the counties that you that you just

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00:35:45,930 --> 00:35:53,990

mentioned mr. Moraga now I still I still
I would have to look at the figures that

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00:35:53,990 --> 00:36:01,350

those counties that you mentioned would
have both wise as compared to the

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00:36:01,350 --> 00:36:05,520

remaining votes in races County in that
particular district a follow-up question

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00:36:05,520 --> 00:36:09,030

of that so obviously that you would have
a reservation of whether or not there

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00:36:09,030 --> 00:36:11,610

would be a community of interest between
those counties and the ones in Deep

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00:36:11,610 --> 00:36:15,420

South Texas now we're talking about a
district I think that if my memory

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00:36:15,420 --> 00:36:19,950
serves me right under that configuration
of Deep South Texas and Central Texas

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00:36:19,950 --> 00:36:24,690
and again as you indicated it they would
probably not be too much of a community

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00:36:24,690 --> 00:36:28,200
of interest with the Hispanic community
out of Hayes and Carmel with deep south

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00:36:28,200 --> 00:36:35,150
Joseph but you're looking at a
percentage of probably about 54% okay

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00:36:35,150 --> 00:36:43,530
the next verse in 54 percent
mexican-american population now do you

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00:36:43,530 --> 00:36:48,480
think that under that premise that the
Hispanic community number one will have

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00:36:48,480 --> 00:36:53,280
an opportunity to elect a Hispanic or
would be back or will we be back in a

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00:36:53,280 --> 00:37:00,510
situation of of just impact in a
district mr. Langer I don't believe

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00:37:00,510 --> 00:37:06,420
really that unless the failures were
presented from those counties it would

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00:37:06,420 --> 00:37:11,550
be possible to to make any kind of an
estimation do you think that 53 or 54

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00:37:11,550 --> 00:37:16,140
percent is capable of electing a

Hispanic congressman if the percentage

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00:37:16,140 --> 00:37:20,430

of those other counties is not too large
yes I'm talking about total now I'm

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00:37:20,430 --> 00:37:24,360

talking about a total district ideal
district that has 53 or 54 four percent

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00:37:24,360 --> 00:37:30,450

Hispanic is capable of electing a
Hispanic if the Hispanic is a qualified

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00:37:30,450 --> 00:37:35,220

Hispanic mr. Erlanger okay and he can
mix well with people I think he could

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00:37:35,220 --> 00:37:39,470

get early okay thank you

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00:37:47,410 --> 00:37:52,309

I'm tester you were previously sworn if
you'd state your full name capacity in

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00:37:52,309 --> 00:37:56,930

which your appearing received in the
state I'm John Hester from Beeville

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00:37:56,930 --> 00:38:02,299

Texas and I'm here short of representing
myself I've been interested in the

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00:38:02,299 --> 00:38:09,049

community of B County for many years and
have been involved in community

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00:38:09,049 --> 00:38:15,049

activities and that's why I'm concerned
about redistricting for Congress and

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00:38:15,049 --> 00:38:23,289

that's why I'm here today as I saw the

Senate bill passed out of the house it

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00:38:23,289 --> 00:38:32,470

places me County in the Southern
District and because of this I think

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00:38:32,470 --> 00:38:37,400

item number three four and five is why
I'm here dissatisfaction was present

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00:38:37,400 --> 00:38:42,049

district boundaries and desired
boundaries changes location of district

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00:38:42,049 --> 00:38:45,920

community is the interest in
neighborhoods that should remain our be

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00:38:45,920 --> 00:38:50,990

unified explanations of identification a
community a regional interest I feel

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00:38:50,990 --> 00:38:57,680

like you said did you mean out of the
city thank you this is the Senate bill

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00:38:57,680 --> 00:39:05,029

as it passed out of the Senate today and
as I had studied it before and I feel

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00:39:05,029 --> 00:39:14,839

like that beat County would be better
represented if beat County was in a

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00:39:14,839 --> 00:39:20,509

congressional district that went to the
north we have had representation from

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00:39:20,509 --> 00:39:26,299

Corpus before and has already been
stated the Corpus Christi is an urban

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00:39:26,299 --> 00:39:32,960

area and that the more urban it is the
more solid it is the more it can look

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00:39:32,960 --> 00:39:38,210

out for itself this has been sort of
stated and

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00:39:38,210 --> 00:39:44,839

I feel like that'd be County would be
better represented in a neighborhood of

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00:39:44,839 --> 00:39:50,359

communities and counties that are more
comparable to what be Ville is what be

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00:39:50,359 --> 00:39:56,059

County is and I feel like that
going to the north instead of going to

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00:39:56,059 --> 00:40:03,650

the South that this would take place so
much of the discussion today has been

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00:40:03,650 --> 00:40:09,829

over this split of noises County and if
fee bill is put in a district with

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00:40:09,829 --> 00:40:16,369

Nueces County I would far prefer the
split of the county rather than a whole

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00:40:16,369 --> 00:40:24,319

County because the Corpus Christi area
is a hub for some counties but that's

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00:40:24,319 --> 00:40:32,660

not true for B County B County is as
close to Victoria and Victoria serves B

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00:40:32,660 --> 00:40:37,490

B County in many ways we're just a
little farther to San Antonio and San

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00:40:37,490 --> 00:40:44,750

Antonio services in many ways but our political experience with with noises

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00:40:44,750 --> 00:40:52,369

County is that they they dominated and have lack of interest comparable to

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00:40:52,369 --> 00:40:56,230

those in B County and therefore I think B County would be better represented

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00:40:56,230 --> 00:41:03,529

going north and if it is can be witnesses County I feel like there's no

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00:41:03,529 --> 00:41:08,890

aces County would flip that the counties would have more representation

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00:41:10,170 --> 00:41:13,170

questions

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00:41:14,750 --> 00:41:23,450

thank you very much my dad that I was just recently presented with a plan by

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00:41:23,450 --> 00:41:29,510

Ragsdale which which accomplishes this and push it in the north I doubt if the

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00:41:29,510 --> 00:41:35,750

committee has had time to study this and I'm sure that it it will be later but it

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00:41:35,750 --> 00:41:44,780

does accomplish it there I have a question just you said that the the

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00:41:44,780 --> 00:41:51,680

Ragsdale plan did what you felt was in the best interest of Nueces no I said

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00:41:51,680 --> 00:41:58,940
that the Ragsdale plan did put the
County to the north okay

435
00:41:58,940 --> 00:42:04,690
and I think that B County is far better
served to the north and to the south

436
00:42:04,690 --> 00:42:18,230
okay so you're here to speak on behalf
of B County okay they're very desirous

437
00:42:18,230 --> 00:42:23,319
of going to the north okay we don't have
any problem with that

438
00:42:33,020 --> 00:42:38,930
dr. MacNeill neo you were previously
sworn if you state your full name

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00:42:38,930 --> 00:42:44,540
fasting which you're preparing and then
precedes I'm stop night meal jr. and I'm

440
00:42:44,540 --> 00:42:50,390
speaking for myself I'm also a county
commissioner precinct number 3 B County

441
00:42:50,390 --> 00:43:00,250
and representing part of the faction on
the command the commission of court me I

442
00:43:00,250 --> 00:43:07,910
feel like that we would be better served
to move to the north also we don't have

443
00:43:07,910 --> 00:43:15,890
any quarrel with Nueces County and don't
want to get involved and splitting

444
00:43:15,890 --> 00:43:23,270
Malaysia County but in the event that B
County needed to go into the district

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00:43:23,270 --> 00:43:29,180

with Nueces County I feel like that we would be better served to be in a split

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00:43:29,180 --> 00:43:37,670

County and my reason is very personal I don't want to be a gobbly I'd rather be

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00:43:37,670 --> 00:43:47,750

a gobbler and if you make Nueces County one county in the district and you put B

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00:43:47,750 --> 00:43:52,510

County in it then I'm a gaba Lee

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00:43:54,140 --> 00:44:01,970

we don't want to be God leaves and if we are putting counties of similar size of

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00:44:01,970 --> 00:44:09,950

similar background agricultural role when we come to Austin to talk about a

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00:44:09,950 --> 00:44:17,710

cow we want our representatives to know what you know the cow you milk and in a

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00:44:17,710 --> 00:44:24,560

urban area a lot of these young folks haven't seen the count and so it is

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00:44:24,560 --> 00:44:33,290

important to us from higher standpoint for our political standpoint that we are

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00:44:33,290 --> 00:44:40,790

on common ground with our representative is just a case in point today there was

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00:44:40,790 --> 00:44:47,090

a meeting in corpus of four counties to discuss some bond issues and reference

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00:44:47,090 --> 00:44:54,440

to real estate the selling of with real estate and B County wasn't even

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00:44:54,440 --> 00:45:03,320

considered now if the leaders of Malaysia's County doesn't want to think

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00:45:03,320 --> 00:45:09,620

of us as part of their area we would like to be away from it so that the you

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00:45:09,620 --> 00:45:13,550

know said we want to be thought with everybody that in our same talk we want

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00:45:13,550 --> 00:45:21,830

to have that that input and if we are diluted by bigger counties bigger

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00:45:21,830 --> 00:45:27,500

section of the counties we can not have our input if we are in the small

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00:45:27,500 --> 00:45:32,690

counties of similar size the representation is going to listen to

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00:45:32,690 --> 00:45:37,810

beat County and listen to the other counties the same way

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00:45:40,440 --> 00:45:46,540

well I got one question yes dr. MacNeill I think you acknowledge

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00:45:46,540 --> 00:45:53,050

the fact that there is a a somewhat a community of interest B County or at

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00:45:53,050 --> 00:45:58,420

least be County as it now is situated with at least some of the counties

467
00:45:58,420 --> 00:46:06,060
surrounding it for example Live Oak %
Patricia Jim wells conceivably McMullan

468
00:46:06,060 --> 00:46:10,540
maybe even Atascosa is this correct you
feel like there's a community of

469
00:46:10,540 --> 00:46:15,400
interest in that and obviously I think
your testimony bare doubt that your

470
00:46:15,400 --> 00:46:20,190
concern is and you feel for example that
you would be better served going north

471
00:46:20,190 --> 00:46:28,930
staying in counties that are similar in
size to the counties around you and that

472
00:46:28,930 --> 00:46:35,609
you felt that if we did spread Nueces
County then you may not have a problem

473
00:46:35,609 --> 00:46:43,060
being part of the gobble e on the from
the gobbler I understand okay but but

474
00:46:43,060 --> 00:46:46,000
the net effect for example even under
the the Senate plan is being proposed

475
00:46:46,000 --> 00:46:51,400
now and even the Ragsdale plan that was
made mention to a while ago it makes it

476
00:46:51,400 --> 00:46:56,050
keeps you in a congressional district
that makes you the second largest county

477
00:46:56,050 --> 00:47:01,750
in that congressional district would you

feel more comfortable then in that kind

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00:47:01,750 --> 00:47:09,780

of a setting going north okay

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00:47:20,290 --> 00:47:23,950

walk you were previously warning you
state your full name fasting which

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00:47:23,950 --> 00:47:30,369

you're appearing in procedures my name's
Bob walk I live in Beeville Texas be

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00:47:30,369 --> 00:47:36,780

County I'm representing myself I am the
president chamber comers of beat County

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00:47:36,780 --> 00:47:44,500

and really what I want to do is to
gentleman before me and said what I want

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00:47:44,500 --> 00:47:52,810

to say and I would like to go see beeg
County go north northeast with Victorian

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00:47:52,810 --> 00:48:03,869

D with these type of counties goliad
County we do have a common ground

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00:48:10,480 --> 00:48:15,059

this time I called Raul Noriega

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00:48:27,900 --> 00:48:33,590

so are you a guy thank you a previous
warning you state your full nine

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00:48:38,150 --> 00:48:41,960

represent I'm Dylan remembers the
committee my name is Ella da guy I'm

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00:48:41,960 --> 00:48:46,420

with Texas rural legal aid voting rights
litigation project I'm also here in

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00:48:46,420 --> 00:48:51,620
Texas rural legal aid voting rights
litigation project and also as spokesman

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00:48:51,620 --> 00:48:58,940
for the Mex America Legal Defense and
Educational Fund basically five points

491
00:48:58,940 --> 00:49:03,920
to make the first one I'd like to make
is to read or at least enter into the

492
00:49:03,920 --> 00:49:11,240
record an opinion called Wilkes County
Georgia of the United States at 450

493
00:49:11,240 --> 00:49:14,870
federal supplement 1171 affirmed by the
United States Supreme Court at ninety

494
00:49:14,870 --> 00:49:18,970
nine supreme court 606 without an
opinion without an opinion and

495
00:49:18,970 --> 00:49:24,910
conclusion of law number 10 at eleven
seventy eight reads as follows

496
00:49:24,910 --> 00:49:29,810
since the existing election has a three
premise to that I might add that this

497
00:49:29,810 --> 00:49:34,880
case deals with the change of at large
of a change from a single-member

498
00:49:34,880 --> 00:49:39,580
district election scheme to an at-large
election scheme for a county in Georgia

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00:49:39,580 --> 00:49:44,780
and from single-member to add Lauren

Wright it was a declaratory judgment

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00:49:44,780 --> 00:49:49,340

brought by the county before the
three-judge court in Washington DC and

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00:49:49,340 --> 00:49:53,990

in that decision the federal district
court did not allow the change to go

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00:49:53,990 --> 00:49:57,470

through and as one of its reasons for
not allowing the change from

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00:49:57,470 --> 00:50:03,050

single-member districts to large it gave
this as a conclusion of law since the

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00:50:03,050 --> 00:50:07,040

existing election districts are severely
malapportioned is appropriate in

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00:50:07,040 --> 00:50:10,610

measuring the effect of the voting
changes to compare the voting changes

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00:50:10,610 --> 00:50:14,230

with options for properly apportioned
single-member district plans

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00:50:14,230 --> 00:50:19,100

obviously the fact situation is not
clearly in point in terms of the kinds

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00:50:19,100 --> 00:50:23,180

of districts that are that are being
drawn but is most surely in point in

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00:50:23,180 --> 00:50:28,550

terms of there being a change from
twenty-fourths

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00:50:28,550 --> 00:50:38,580

can I get you to hand that to one of the staff so I could read that it is

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00:50:38,580 --> 00:50:42,810

appropriate in terms of there being a change from 24 congressional districts

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00:50:42,810 --> 00:50:49,410

to 27 congressional districts and so given that decision as primary Authority

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00:50:49,410 --> 00:50:53,849

for what I'm for the position that were that mauled F and T are la takes is that

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00:50:53,849 --> 00:50:57,000

any measurement of retrogression regarding federal congressional

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00:50:57,000 --> 00:51:03,800

districts must use not the plan that is currently in effect which has only a

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00:51:03,800 --> 00:51:09,119

combined total of five minority districts but rather a districting

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00:51:09,119 --> 00:51:13,109

scheme that is fairly apportioned as laid out in the affirmance by the United

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00:51:13,109 --> 00:51:19,080

States Supreme Court - along those lines or with that as a premise I would

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00:51:19,080 --> 00:51:24,480

introduce and I believe the miss Ward has put the mall deaf TR la planned to

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00:51:24,480 --> 00:51:29,880

up on the on the board and that we introduced formally to the committee it

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00:51:29,880 --> 00:51:33,470
had already been introduced once before
to the conference committee members

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00:51:33,470 --> 00:51:39,349
about a month ago along with that
statewide plan there is an alternate

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00:51:39,349 --> 00:51:45,599
configuration for two Hispanic districts
in South Texas which would be district

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00:51:45,599 --> 00:51:50,130
15 and 27 with the boundary running in
the north to south direction as opposed

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00:51:50,130 --> 00:51:55,680
to the boundary running in an east to
west direction the effect is that the

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00:51:55,680 --> 00:51:59,780
outer boundary of those two districts
has not changed at all and indeed the

527
00:51:59,780 --> 00:52:04,440
percentages are changed from the way it
was originally proposed by MALDEF at

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00:52:04,440 --> 00:52:10,740
district 15 at 80% in district 27 at 53
percent if the outer configure if the

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00:52:10,740 --> 00:52:14,160
outer boundary of both of those
districts are left the same and only the

530
00:52:14,160 --> 00:52:19,890
internal boundary is changed you get a
configuration of the modified district

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00:52:19,890 --> 00:52:30,650
15 of about 64% and district 27 at about
72% either of those options are

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00:52:30,719 --> 00:52:37,089

endorsed by mall def one the the placing
of the lines in either way would be a

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00:52:37,089 --> 00:52:41,109

political decision with the demographics
of either district is is acceptable to

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00:52:41,109 --> 00:52:48,039

mall def and TR lay the point being that
this plan creates eight minority

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00:52:48,039 --> 00:52:52,059

districts as opposed to five that are in
effect under the present plan

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00:52:52,059 --> 00:53:00,670

we note that HB 98 creates only six and
so it is our hope that if the committee

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00:53:00,670 --> 00:53:06,759

is under the impression that HB 98 is
not retrogressive because it has one

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00:53:06,759 --> 00:53:11,109

more district and what presently exists
then I would simply again state that the

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00:53:11,109 --> 00:53:15,160

Wilkes County decision would indicate
that it is retrogression retrogressive

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00:53:15,160 --> 00:53:20,559

based on the fact that you can draw
eight fairly apportioned districts with

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00:53:20,559 --> 00:53:28,329

that I'll go on to the next point which
is that I would like to address some

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00:53:28,329 --> 00:53:32,529

statements made regarding Nueces County
in the educational system there and lead

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00:53:32,529 --> 00:53:37,029

that into the split of Nations County
which is as follows and my basis for

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00:53:37,029 --> 00:53:41,499

saying this is that I was co-counsel in
a lawsuit against the Corpus Christi

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00:53:41,499 --> 00:53:45,699

Independent School District which
knocked out the method of electing

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00:53:45,699 --> 00:53:48,910

at-large school board member trustees to
the Corpus Christi Independent School

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00:53:48,910 --> 00:53:52,449

District and that was the second lawsuit
that was brought within seven years the

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00:53:52,449 --> 00:53:56,349

first one being in 1972 which went to
the United States Supreme Court in which

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00:53:56,349 --> 00:53:59,410

the Corpus Christi Independent School
District was found to be a segregated

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00:53:59,410 --> 00:54:03,219

school district so the noices county or
at least the Corpus Christi Independent

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00:54:03,219 --> 00:54:07,599

School District has a terrible record in
terms of what it has done to the

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00:54:07,599 --> 00:54:12,099

minorities which leads me to one of the
exhibits that was that I helped prepare

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00:54:12,099 --> 00:54:16,689

and put together for that piece of

litigation and it was basically a

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00:54:16,689 --> 00:54:22,209

polarization exhibit in which we had taken the voting patterns of the

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00:54:22,209 --> 00:54:28,509

previous 32 years of them through 1978 and analyzed the racial effect or the

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00:54:28,509 --> 00:54:34,329

racial voting patterns of the community and the expert who we hired to look at

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00:54:34,329 --> 00:54:39,100

this data and help me prepare it in turns it formatting it for the computer

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00:54:39,100 --> 00:54:43,960

and all the rest stated quite clearly it's on the record it's in the findings

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00:54:43,960 --> 00:54:48,190

of fact by Judge Cox of the Southern District of Texas that the degree of

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00:54:48,190 --> 00:54:53,140

polarization political polarization in Corpus Christi at least if not all of

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00:54:53,140 --> 00:54:58,420

Moises County is extremely severe and given the past record in the past

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00:54:58,420 --> 00:55:03,040

patterns which he had transferred to what he calls correlation coefficients

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00:55:03,040 --> 00:55:06,640

which showed high degrees of voter polarization and establishing that

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00:55:06,640 --> 00:55:12,940

pattern showed that voter polarization
was probably going to consider continue

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00:55:12,940 --> 00:55:15,610

for the next twenty or thirty years
seeing as how that there had been no

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00:55:15,610 --> 00:55:20,680

downward shift in that particular
pattern that he'd been able to detect in

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00:55:20,680 --> 00:55:28,180

the previous 38 thereto given that it
can be seen that despite what anybody

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00:55:28,180 --> 00:55:32,410

says about it there's clear hard data
which shows that there is extreme

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00:55:32,410 --> 00:55:35,770

degrees of voter polarization that
exists in Nueces County and as a matter

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00:55:35,770 --> 00:55:39,820

of fact the last municipal election in
noises count or at least for the city of

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00:55:39,820 --> 00:55:42,760

Corpus Christi
not a single Hispanic was elected and it

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00:55:42,760 --> 00:55:46,600

was found that if anything the degrees
of racial polarization along voting

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00:55:46,600 --> 00:55:51,580

lines had increased and not decreased
and that's significantly one reason why

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00:55:51,580 --> 00:55:57,220

no Hispanics were elected to the City
Council so given that it is no wonder

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00:55:57,220 --> 00:56:03,340
that the Hispanic community of Noyce's
County is valiantly opposed to a split

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00:56:03,340 --> 00:56:07,720
of noises County simply because they're
well aware of what the history of that

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00:56:07,720 --> 00:56:12,430
community has been I've lived there I
personally lived there I went to lived

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00:56:12,430 --> 00:56:16,240
in noises County just to handle that
litigation for I lived there for a year

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00:56:16,240 --> 00:56:20,170
and a half and I found that not only was
there extreme degrees of voter

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00:56:20,170 --> 00:56:25,750
polarization in terms of political data
but you'll find that there's two

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00:56:25,750 --> 00:56:29,890
separate social structures that you have
a Mexican Chamber of Commerce I don't

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00:56:29,890 --> 00:56:32,530
even believe it's called a Mexican
American Chamber of Commerce it's called

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00:56:32,530 --> 00:56:39,870
a flat-out Mexican Chamber of Commerce
and all the Minori

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00:56:41,009 --> 00:56:46,119
organizations in Corpus Christi got
together after the defeat of dis panic

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00:56:46,119 --> 00:56:50,829
candidates for the city election to form
a coalition called the Coalition for

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00:56:50,829 --> 00:56:56,529

better government to discuss just
precisely the issue of Hispanic

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00:56:56,529 --> 00:57:01,529

representation this coalition is
composed of 21 Hispanic organizations

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00:57:01,529 --> 00:57:06,160

all of which have anywhere from 10 to 15
to as many as a hundred to two hundred

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00:57:06,160 --> 00:57:10,150

members and they represent a wide
spectrum of the Hispanic community I

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00:57:10,150 --> 00:57:14,559

would note that a group that is
considered as radical as the Brown

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00:57:14,559 --> 00:57:20,589

Berets signed on to a resolution with
the Corpus Christi chapter of the

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00:57:20,589 --> 00:57:25,390

Mexican American Democrats and so that
document is is historic to the Hispanic

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00:57:25,390 --> 00:57:30,749

community of Nueces County simply
because it it shows a coalescing or a

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00:57:30,749 --> 00:57:37,180

unification in their political thought
and that resolution specifically stated

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00:57:37,180 --> 00:57:41,319

that the Hispanic community and at least
insofar as the groups represented by

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00:57:41,319 --> 00:57:45,819

those Hispanic organizations were
vehemently opposed to the split of

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00:57:45,819 --> 00:57:52,900

Moises County because I have heard you lead up to the point of a conclusion and

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00:57:52,900 --> 00:57:58,269

reach a conclusion without giving me an understanding of how you got from point

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00:57:58,269 --> 00:58:03,369

A to point B well now why are they vehemently opposed to splitting Oasis

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00:58:03,369 --> 00:58:06,880

can because they're well aware of the polarization that exists in the county

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00:58:06,880 --> 00:58:13,180

it was talked about at that point let me ask you how does the split of Nueces

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00:58:13,180 --> 00:58:19,359

County for its congressional purposes congressional districts affect County

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00:58:19,359 --> 00:58:24,400

government city government school district government water districts any

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00:58:24,400 --> 00:58:28,059

other political subdivision that you come up with and relate that back for me

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00:58:28,059 --> 00:58:32,549

to the split for congressional purposes and how that has an impact

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00:58:32,549 --> 00:58:38,249

I think the relationship is the reverse it's not how the split affects the

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00:58:38,249 --> 00:58:41,459

congressional districts it's how the

split in the congressional districts

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00:58:41,459 --> 00:58:45,779

affect the minority community that is
there's a community down there that is

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00:58:45,779 --> 00:58:50,309

already highly polarized splitting and
along ethnic lines will only polarize it

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00:58:50,309 --> 00:59:01,469

more and that is the race I think well I
look at it as being self-explanatory you

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00:59:01,469 --> 00:59:06,599

have an area of town where the Hispanic
community is being told that you have

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00:59:06,599 --> 00:59:09,989

this district there you have your
district and we have our district and

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00:59:09,989 --> 00:59:13,049

and we don't believe in and the
implication to the Hispanic community

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00:59:13,049 --> 00:59:19,019

there is that even though we're all
Americans we don't want to be included

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00:59:19,019 --> 00:59:22,439

in your district because we happen to be
in the minority in that district and so

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00:59:22,439 --> 00:59:27,269

therefore we don't want to split now I'm
not going to present I don't have any

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00:59:27,269 --> 00:59:33,959

facts I don't have any demographics into
other than what's on that on the

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00:59:33,959 --> 00:59:40,799

district and on our profiles to state
why they came to that conclusion my

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00:59:40,799 --> 00:59:48,630
testimony simply here is that for
whatever reasons a very strong opinion

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00:59:48,630 --> 00:59:52,679
is being voiced by the Hispanic
community in Noyce's County and whether

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00:59:52,679 --> 01:00:06,019
that I think the Chairman is genuine it
is interesting concern sure about

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01:00:06,019 --> 01:00:12,329
reaching the conclusion I've handed you
a copy of a Ben Sargent editorial that

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01:00:12,329 --> 01:00:16,370
was a cartoon it was
the Austin american-statesman one day

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01:00:16,370 --> 01:00:23,570
last week if you change the name from
color and in Dallas - perhaps Nueces

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01:00:23,570 --> 01:00:29,570
County and you made that brown of
Mexican or whatever term would be

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01:00:29,570 --> 01:00:35,300
appropriate for the analogy does that
not exactly say it's right that's this

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01:00:35,300 --> 01:00:39,890
precisely enough it's difficult to
articulate in words that perhaps the

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01:00:39,890 --> 01:00:44,960
Chairman can understand for me it's not
even that complicated for me the gut

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01:00:44,960 --> 01:00:51,860

issue is the Hispanic community wants it that way and it should be heard and well

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01:00:51,860 --> 01:00:56,900

let me pursue that just a minute you're not saying that that any one community

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01:00:56,900 --> 01:01:00,410

should be heard any more than any other community no I'm just saying it

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01:01:00,410 --> 01:01:03,800

shouldn't be ignored and as I understand it and correct me if I'm wrong I don't

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01:01:03,800 --> 01:01:07,970

mean to cast aspersions on you or your judgement but I believe this resolution

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01:01:07,970 --> 01:01:11,330

was offered once and and they were told that it would it could not be offered

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01:01:11,330 --> 01:01:17,180

for one reason or another okay well well if that if that's the case I just wanted

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01:01:17,180 --> 01:01:20,570

to make sure that this resolution does get put into the record as being the

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01:01:20,570 --> 01:01:23,870

voice of at least these organizations Hispanic organizations in Corpus Christi

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01:01:23,870 --> 01:01:28,160

as they are Noriega let me apply the same standard to it I have to all other

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01:01:28,160 --> 01:01:34,490

okay documents offered for a part of the record is that a notarized statement no

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01:01:34,490 --> 01:01:39,980

it's not alright if you would have that
notarized by each of the individuals who

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01:01:39,980 --> 01:01:45,530

sign that I'll be glad to admit it it's
like any other part of the record why

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01:01:45,530 --> 01:01:49,970

then was that why was why then was a
similar resolution entered by mr.

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01:01:49,970 --> 01:01:54,140

representative Vowell of El Paso why was
that not required of him either he

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01:01:54,140 --> 01:01:57,560

offered a resolution that was not
notarized and it was introduced into the

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01:01:57,560 --> 01:02:01,460

record yep it were a resolution of the
Commissioner's Court for our City

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01:02:01,460 --> 01:02:06,580

Council they have been admitted I do not
recall any non notarized

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01:02:06,580 --> 01:02:10,400

affidavit that has been admitted to the
record I'll be glad to reviewed okay III

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01:02:10,400 --> 01:02:15,920

this was handed to me just a short while
ago point of inquiry mr. chairman as I

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01:02:15,920 --> 01:02:19,970

understand the rules of the house we are
to the extent that they're not

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01:02:19,970 --> 01:02:24,620

inconsistent with any rules promulgated
by the house or by any committee and I

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01:02:24,620 --> 01:02:29,240

don't think we've promulgated aided any
only miscibility of evidence right not

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01:02:29,240 --> 01:02:33,110

the document be admitted on an exception
to the hearsay rule not for the proof of

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01:02:33,110 --> 01:02:37,780

the matter contained the end but to show
that the statement was made

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01:02:51,560 --> 01:02:56,120

produced a document that they are a
participant in there and have been sworn

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01:02:56,120 --> 01:03:00,569

under oath and mr. Noriega is one of
those individuals on

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01:03:00,569 --> 01:03:06,309

well this okay well then understanding
your procedural concerns with it I would

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01:03:06,309 --> 01:03:09,730

at least state for the record that I
have such a RISM resolution in my hand

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01:03:09,730 --> 01:03:12,339

and that it's not notarized and if that
is what's keeping it from being

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01:03:12,339 --> 01:03:15,970

introduced and I will make sure that it
gets notarized in given to mr. a

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01:03:15,970 --> 01:03:20,289

representative barangay but in any event
the residuals any one of the individuals

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01:03:20,289 --> 01:03:30,250

who would have brought that forward okay

well that will be done in any event the

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01:03:30,250 --> 01:03:34,900

resolution represents despite previous testimony to the contrary that the

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01:03:34,900 --> 01:03:37,750

Hispanic community in Nueces County is confused and don't know what they're

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01:03:37,750 --> 01:03:42,450

doing if anything this represents the complete opposite there's tremendous

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01:03:42,450 --> 01:03:46,420

unification and there's tremendous unification from segments of the

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01:03:46,420 --> 01:03:49,660

Hispanic community where historically there has never been such an affinity

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01:03:49,660 --> 01:03:58,089

and if this is not evidence of unified voice of the Hispanic community and I

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01:03:58,089 --> 01:04:02,160

don't know what is and I would leave it at that

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01:04:16,200 --> 01:04:23,910

as far as counsel were concerned it's the matter of exposure as much

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01:04:25,080 --> 01:04:30,630

this is long as well as other items which we have had we have not limited

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01:04:30,630 --> 01:04:34,620

the consideration of anything we merely try to follow at least a standard

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01:04:34,620 --> 01:04:37,550

procedure

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01:04:40,160 --> 01:04:46,170

chairman van continue on this question
I'm not I'm not certain that perhaps mr.

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01:04:46,170 --> 01:04:53,520

dharia has satisfied a concern that you
had about how splitting Nueces in two

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01:04:53,520 --> 01:04:58,410

congressional districts would affect
polarization of the community if you've

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01:04:58,410 --> 01:05:02,760

been satisfied in that regard and I will
desist if you have not I think several

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01:05:02,760 --> 01:05:16,610

other questions would perhaps clear it
up for heard in the process of that

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01:05:16,610 --> 01:05:19,610

place

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01:05:28,860 --> 01:05:33,360

yes you sorry

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01:05:35,420 --> 01:05:40,670

and it's this is a kin to the question
you were here when the mr. Fisher and I

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01:05:40,670 --> 01:05:47,829

were discussing some points you do you
recognize the the concept of of

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01:05:47,829 --> 01:05:55,309

coalition politics oh I'd be blind if I
didn't you recognize the need then from

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01:05:55,309 --> 01:06:02,440

time to time when one is a member of a
minority group would it be Republicans

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01:06:02,440 --> 01:06:11,140

of some ethnic minority of financial
menarche or whatever to interact with

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01:06:11,140 --> 01:06:17,450

another segment of the larger community
toward a common goal of electing a

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01:06:17,450 --> 01:06:23,869

person perhaps not ideally suited to the
minority but more closely aligned with

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01:06:23,869 --> 01:06:29,000

the minority then someone that is
opposing them in that election I think

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01:06:29,000 --> 01:06:34,789

the question is is a member of a
coalition or should a member of a

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01:06:34,789 --> 01:06:39,529

coalition be willing to join a larger
group within the coalition is that's the

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01:06:39,529 --> 01:06:44,119

question yes yes
the concept of the election of the

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01:06:44,119 --> 01:06:52,640

lesser of Evil's from time to time yes
so if the minority community

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01:06:52,640 --> 01:06:57,670

specifically the Mexican American
community in Nueces County

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01:06:57,670 --> 01:07:04,849

it is almost entirely contained in one
congressional district and there exist

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01:07:04,849 --> 01:07:09,500

in that County two congressional

districts is there need for them to

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01:07:09,500 --> 01:07:15,559

coalesce with the same people in Nueces County with whom they have to work on

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01:07:15,559 --> 01:07:22,160

county and city and other levels of government not at the not at that

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01:07:22,160 --> 01:07:25,940

particular level of government not in the federal Congress so does not then

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01:07:25,940 --> 01:07:31,700

the division of Nueces County into two congressional districts destroy the need

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01:07:31,700 --> 01:07:35,450

for them to coalesce with the white people who live in the western part of

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01:07:35,450 --> 01:07:39,529

the district as it relates not only to congressional politics but other

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01:07:39,529 --> 01:07:44,559

politics I would say yes thank you

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01:07:45,920 --> 01:07:51,380

I've had enough opportunity mr. Noriega to review your resolution it's not my

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01:07:51,380 --> 01:07:56,000

resolution that the resolution which which you referred to the resolution is

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01:07:56,000 --> 01:08:01,370

dated May 20th 1981 that's correct that is a date subsequent to the

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01:08:01,370 --> 01:08:05,900

conclusion of public hearings on the

Congressional redistricting then that

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01:08:05,900 --> 01:08:09,320

made know why it was no way that this could have done all for yourself okay

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01:08:09,320 --> 01:08:12,920

then the representations to me were either mistaken or wrong but in any

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01:08:12,920 --> 01:08:15,620

event I just wanted to make sure that that resolution made it into the record

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01:08:15,620 --> 01:08:18,770

because all I had been told us that had not been allowed into the record and I

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01:08:18,770 --> 01:08:23,810

was concerned about that well I would be concerned too because there has not been

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01:08:23,810 --> 01:08:29,319

anything that has followed what would be very minimal evidentiary standards right

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01:08:29,319 --> 01:08:36,200

that has not been allowed within the record this was not only was it never

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01:08:36,200 --> 01:08:39,109

presented previously but it could not have been because there was not a

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01:08:39,109 --> 01:08:43,180

hearing okay then I stand corrected on that then

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01:08:43,180 --> 01:08:47,390

mister Noriega I'd like to discuss with you

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01:08:47,390 --> 01:08:52,549

Nueces County and its relationship to
counties to the north

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01:08:52,549 --> 01:09:00,289

how would you identify and describe the
opportunity for participation by the

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01:09:00,289 --> 01:09:05,509

mexican-american community in a
congressional district that takes Nueces

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01:09:05,509 --> 01:09:09,920

County North either on a coastal
configuration or in an inland

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01:09:09,920 --> 01:09:18,139

configuration that would not include
counties from B County East

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01:09:18,139 --> 01:09:22,190

excuse me West are you talking in a
situation where you split noises County

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01:09:22,190 --> 01:09:27,170

or what else kind of lady noises County
home and then the question becomes how

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01:09:27,170 --> 01:09:32,359

does the minority or Hispanic population
relate to that higher district well if

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01:09:32,359 --> 01:09:37,210

you leave the county whole it'll be
it'll have a smaller percentage for one

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01:09:37,210 --> 01:09:44,739

not only smaller percentage but smaller
impact one follows from the other so

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01:09:44,739 --> 01:09:51,920

would you say that there is any
commonality of agreement between the two

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01:09:51,920 --> 01:09:56,179

major elements of Nueces County being
the Anglo community and the

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01:09:56,179 --> 01:10:00,559

mexican-american community where one has
suggested that it go north

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01:10:00,559 --> 01:10:06,670

I Anglo community the mexican-american
community suggesting that it goes south

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01:10:06,670 --> 01:10:12,849

how do you square those and allow both
groups to have what they would feel is

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01:10:12,849 --> 01:10:19,639

access to the political process the
issue I'm not going to be I'll answer

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01:10:19,639 --> 01:10:23,499

your question with the yes or no as
quickly as I can but let me preface it I

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01:10:23,499 --> 01:10:29,989

think that in terms of the split of
Nueces County I know in at least in my

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01:10:29,989 --> 01:10:35,090

mind the way I conceptualize it I don't
it's not a numbers game for me for me

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01:10:35,090 --> 01:10:39,469

the split of noises County is an
ideological thing which says we're

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01:10:39,469 --> 01:10:43,340

either going to live in harmony or we're
going to each go our separate ways as

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01:10:43,340 --> 01:10:50,310

you suggest and I'm saying that that
resolution evidence is an

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01:10:50,310 --> 01:10:55,020

desire by the Hispanic community to stay together and to learn to live as one

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01:10:55,020 --> 01:10:59,730

people and to me that is more important than any other economic interest that

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01:10:59,730 --> 01:11:05,070

may be espoused are you telling me that that the resolution which has been

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01:11:05,070 --> 01:11:10,380

referred to which asked for there not to be a split would have been submitted in

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01:11:10,380 --> 01:11:15,690

its present form suggesting that Nueces County would be taken north if that was

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01:11:15,690 --> 01:11:20,850

the only alternative as opposed to a split that would give impact to the

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01:11:20,850 --> 01:11:24,420

greater impact for mexican-american communities the resolution itself

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01:11:24,420 --> 01:11:29,460

doesn't dick doesn't give an opinion as to where in noices County should be put

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01:11:29,460 --> 01:11:34,860

it only indicates that it should not be split now civil rights perspective is a

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01:11:34,860 --> 01:11:39,930

civil rights lawyer in my opinion that number one the spanic community wants to

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01:11:39,930 --> 01:11:44,610

stay whole and number two it has to go south in order to keep the percentages

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01:11:44,610 --> 01:11:49,140

high enough so that leaves us with that configuration if there were Hispanic

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01:11:49,140 --> 01:11:53,010

counties to the north that would keep the impact high enough then easily it

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01:11:53,010 --> 01:11:56,910

could go Noi but the point is there isn't so your point is that the

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01:11:56,910 --> 01:12:03,060

percentages should be essentially the same the split is not the issue not for

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01:12:03,060 --> 01:12:10,740

me not for me to me the the the the issue of splitting is is is a is a it in

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01:12:10,740 --> 01:12:14,010

so far as the Hispanic community is concerned is a voicing of an opinion of

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01:12:14,010 --> 01:12:18,570

they don't want to be split now once that's a premise that the Hispanic

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01:12:18,570 --> 01:12:22,470

community does not want to does not want to have noises County split as a lawyer

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01:12:22,470 --> 01:12:27,060

representing their interest then I'm left with the duty of keeping drawing

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01:12:27,060 --> 01:12:30,540

districts that will keep noises County whole but at the same time providing

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01:12:30,540 --> 01:12:33,660

sufficient impact for the Hispanic

community which dictates that you go

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01:12:33,660 --> 01:12:40,200

south and in either either configuration
whether you're fifteen twenty fifteen

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01:12:40,200 --> 01:12:45,210

and twenty seven under the plan to or
planning to modified both of those all

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01:12:45,210 --> 01:12:49,050

of the counties in both of those
districts provide sufficient Hispanic

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01:12:49,050 --> 01:12:52,710

population so that two Hispanic
districts can be created whether you go

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01:12:52,710 --> 01:12:57,480

along the coast or whether you go across
the southern tip of Texas it almost

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01:12:57,480 --> 01:13:00,380

doesn't matter as long as those
percentages stay to the point

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01:13:00,380 --> 01:13:04,730

we're two Hispanic Congress are where
the Hispanic community has a voice in

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01:13:04,730 --> 01:13:12,910

electing congressmen mm-hmm well I have
a question

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01:13:12,910 --> 01:13:22,580

Peter the map most of the plans at
Monmouth and Texas really related

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01:13:22,580 --> 01:13:30,440

presented a very beginning always came
up with this configuration down here for

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01:13:30,440 --> 01:13:35,900

the Lower Rio Grande taken in
consideration for the most part the fact

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01:13:35,900 --> 01:13:40,430

that historically or at least for the
last ten years these counties had been

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01:13:40,430 --> 01:13:47,120

together if I correct Craig's up part of
the reason why Malda petition for legal

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01:13:47,120 --> 01:13:51,950

aid went ahead and every plan that I saw
and was submitted to this committee with

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01:13:51,950 --> 01:13:56,090

the exception of the plan that was
submitted toward the very end and

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01:13:56,090 --> 01:13:59,630

crucial hours when we were trying to
hammer around and compromise

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01:13:59,630 --> 01:14:06,020

and at that point I think of suggested
that you know you come in at the left

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01:14:06,020 --> 01:14:09,130

you know at the eleventh hour and
proposes something that we had not seen

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01:14:09,130 --> 01:14:12,980

they had not really been requested with
the exception I think that Senator or

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01:14:12,980 --> 01:14:18,050

get asked but for something different
from this variation but the historically

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01:14:18,050 --> 01:14:22,850

the reason that this was set in motion
was because Congress of Agatha it

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01:14:22,850 --> 01:14:27,380
always represented the Lower Valley plus
these counties in here and I'm to assume

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01:14:27,380 --> 01:14:33,680
then that now that you are proposing
this the only major variation from it is

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01:14:33,680 --> 01:14:41,510
that you have removed Cameron County
right from d'Elegance is just so in

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01:14:41,510 --> 01:14:48,110
essence under this plan you have tried
to take care of more than one point

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01:14:48,110 --> 01:14:53,780
points being that we eliminate for
example the argument or the possibility

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01:14:53,780 --> 01:15:00,440
having the problem with an impact on the
heaven and district it's 2-pack for

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01:15:00,440 --> 01:15:03,420
example because I think
under this point we're looking at an 8%

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01:15:03,420 --> 01:15:10,050
district here this insurance relieves
some of that possibility of them

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01:15:10,050 --> 01:15:15,090
pressures of a legal question of whether
or not we're packing here this allows

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01:15:15,090 --> 01:15:23,010
for a 70 percent district 72 it's 72 and
64 I believe it evens it out but you've

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01:15:23,010 --> 01:15:25,800
also taken a consideration the
communities of entry because the only

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01:15:25,800 --> 01:15:28,890

count that you suffered has been Cameron
County that's correct

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01:15:28,890 --> 01:15:33,600

look would you would you say that for
example Cameron County of all of the

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01:15:33,600 --> 01:15:38,270

counties in here were probably for
example under this configuration

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01:15:38,270 --> 01:15:43,310

presently Cameron County's Plummer the
only County that would have at least

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01:15:43,310 --> 01:15:49,290

possibility of having a community of
interest because of the fact that when

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01:15:49,290 --> 01:15:54,300

you look at the Lower Valley in
agribusiness they rely so heavily on in

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01:15:54,300 --> 01:15:58,950

the fact that he's represented the
agribusiness is very prominent up in

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01:15:58,950 --> 01:16:03,750

through these these counties correct
exactly I think that leads up to wire

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01:16:03,750 --> 01:16:09,150

that original configuration was first
proposed everybody we talked to who just

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01:16:09,150 --> 01:16:12,600

seemed to indicate that those four
southern counties had a very definite

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01:16:12,600 --> 01:16:16,620

community interest and we never
questioned it I mean that was just it

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01:16:16,620 --> 01:16:21,270

and we further had the situation of if
you took out Cameron County then you

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01:16:21,270 --> 01:16:26,340

would be taking a sizable population of
this sizable minority population and

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01:16:26,340 --> 01:16:31,110

ripping it away from an elected minority
representative which promoting rights

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01:16:31,110 --> 01:16:34,320

act purposes didn't seem like a very
good thing to do it would be almost

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01:16:34,320 --> 01:16:39,360

counterproductive but as we thought
about it and as we realized that there

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01:16:39,360 --> 01:16:42,810

is the port of Brownsville
there's Port Isabel there's Port

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01:16:42,810 --> 01:16:46,950

Mansfield and the port of Corpus Christi
for ports all within them I think about

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01:16:46,950 --> 01:16:51,810

250 miles and we further realized that
Cameron County doesn't have anywhere

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01:16:51,810 --> 01:16:56,310

near the degree of Agriculture than say
the three counties to the west of it or

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01:16:56,310 --> 01:16:59,970

the counties to the north of it it
seemed as much sense to say that there's

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01:16:59,970 --> 01:17:03,300

as much community of interest along the

coastal counties as there are along the

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01:17:03,300 --> 01:17:08,130

river counties and that given that the communities of interest are subservient

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01:17:08,130 --> 01:17:11,540

interest to the Voting Rights either one of those

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01:17:11,540 --> 01:17:15,380

durations is acceptable to us in terms of what we believe will be will pass

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01:17:15,380 --> 01:17:22,070

into the voting rights question in mind as far as putting kicking of Agartha

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01:17:22,070 --> 01:17:28,670

district in this configuration was basically a political decision based on

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01:17:28,670 --> 01:17:33,440

an income well it was certainly it was political but I think just as important

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01:17:33,440 --> 01:17:36,770

is the Voting Rights Act consideration you have the minority population that's

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01:17:36,770 --> 01:17:39,740

already elected by a minority representative and we don't want to rip

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01:17:39,740 --> 01:17:43,550

that minority population away from a minority representative because at the

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01:17:43,550 --> 01:17:46,370

time first of all where there's tremendous time constraints and I think

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01:17:46,370 --> 01:17:50,060

as members of this committee know it
just takes time to develop these

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01:17:50,060 --> 01:17:53,420

thoughts and as we as we looked at the
map and heard four more people we

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01:17:53,420 --> 01:17:57,170

started realizing that there's probably
as much community of interest along the

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01:17:57,170 --> 01:18:01,850

coast as there is I belong the river in
that case we softened on the position of

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01:18:01,850 --> 01:18:04,520

that's the configuration that has to be
I think either one of those

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01:18:04,520 --> 01:18:08,960

configurations would keep us happy in
terms of the Voting Rights Act either

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01:18:08,960 --> 01:18:12,760

one of excuse me but it either one of
the configurations either and what is

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01:18:12,760 --> 01:18:18,050

styled MALDEF tra-la planned to or
planning to do modify we would I think

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01:18:18,050 --> 01:18:24,200

it relates to 1527 right that's right
I think we would prefer the original

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01:18:24,200 --> 01:18:29,270

plan to that as I say I would see no big
objections to plan to know what you

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01:18:29,270 --> 01:18:34,310

trying to tell the committee for the
record is that in fact that if we want

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01:18:34,310 --> 01:18:39,020
to recognize that Hispanic community in
Texas or at least in South Texas now we

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01:18:39,020 --> 01:18:45,980
had the beatnik or we have the tools in
front of us we're about the net effect

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01:18:45,980 --> 01:18:51,110
is that we can create oh there's no
question that would meet the test they

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01:18:51,110 --> 01:18:56,360
would keep communities of interest and
that would allow us to be able to

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01:18:56,360 --> 01:19:01,130
maximize that committed the communities
of interest and the Hispanic population

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01:19:01,130 --> 01:19:05,150
in those district whether it be at a
sixty four percent district here or

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01:19:05,150 --> 01:19:08,180
whether it be a fifty three percent
district but the we could conceivably

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01:19:08,180 --> 01:19:11,780
within the constraints of the law we
could live with either one of those

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01:19:11,780 --> 01:19:16,869
setups correct certainly so without the
the committee has several options to

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01:19:16,869 --> 01:19:22,060
look for certain that we are not married
to any one particular plant for the sole

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01:19:22,060 --> 01:19:25,810
purpose of have either taken care of
incoming but the net effect is is trying

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01:19:25,810 --> 01:19:29,679

to achieve a plan that in essence
maximizing the hispanic community

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01:19:29,679 --> 01:19:34,440

regardless of who may or may not get it
that's correct

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01:19:40,860 --> 01:19:48,900

Noriega relative to the Texas rural
legal aid is Texas rural legal aid

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01:19:48,900 --> 01:19:54,450

involved in any litigation involving
redistricting at this standpoint this at

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01:19:54,450 --> 01:19:59,250

this point in time one of our attorneys
in the Kerrville office just took up a

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01:19:59,250 --> 01:20:01,590

case to the United States Supreme Court
regarding

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01:20:01,590 --> 01:20:07,050

kerkhof Kleberg County and I helped him
with that is there any other case in

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01:20:07,050 --> 01:20:14,640

Texas in which Texas rural legal aid is
either involved by providing counsel or

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01:20:14,640 --> 01:20:21,240

providing funds for that litigation
there is I think about four counties

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01:20:21,240 --> 01:20:28,980

where our counselor confirmed once the
word advised of what the progress is I

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01:20:28,980 --> 01:20:32,600

believe there's an intervention but do
you vow the Independent School District

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01:20:32,600 --> 01:20:37,230

and certainly George corporal who's on
the texas rural legal aid staff as

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01:20:37,230 --> 01:20:42,000

director of litigation was an expert
witness and the recent litigation in the

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01:20:42,000 --> 01:20:47,310

state courts and that is the extent of
texas rural legal at this moment at this

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01:20:47,310 --> 01:20:49,940

point yes sir

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01:20:51,150 --> 01:20:54,860

are there
other questions chairman though the

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01:20:54,860 --> 01:21:00,340

purpose for that inquire
purpose of the inquiry is that Texas

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01:21:00,340 --> 01:21:08,410

rural legal aid is a armed are a part of
the legal services corporation in the

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01:21:08,410 --> 01:21:14,650

United States which is funded by federal
funds part of which comes from taxpayers

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01:21:14,650 --> 01:21:20,230

within the state and the chair desired
know the extent to which they were

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01:21:20,230 --> 01:21:23,400

involved if it all

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01:21:29,210 --> 01:21:35,360

there's a testified before this
committee on any inquiry or subject we

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01:21:35,360 --> 01:21:42,340
have to make a decision concern
chair did

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01:21:42,340 --> 01:21:47,830
I didn't I didn't test your inquiry mr.
Washington into other inquiries that you

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01:21:47,830 --> 01:21:56,080
made today as well are there other
questions mr. Noriega I have another

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01:21:56,080 --> 01:22:05,440
question mr. Noriega what is the purpose
of of your involvement I had been

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01:22:05,440 --> 01:22:09,010
involved in litigation as a private
attorney and I'm talking about tissue

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01:22:09,010 --> 01:22:12,790
through legal aids involvement as far as
your presentation is concerned well we

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01:22:12,790 --> 01:22:17,650
have client counsels all through to
represent our client consoles authorizes

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01:22:17,650 --> 01:22:21,010
to represent their interests in making
sure that that they don't get

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01:22:21,010 --> 01:22:26,560
gerrymandered out of any political dis
turning it Mike so in essence your

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01:22:26,560 --> 01:22:30,250
responsibility is doing nothing illegal
and I'm not doing right you know

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01:22:30,250 --> 01:22:34,480
surpassing the bounds of my authority
I'm just doing what advocacy for the

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01:22:34,480 --> 01:22:38,980

poor and the minorities uh requires me
to do right and you fund it for the

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01:22:38,980 --> 01:22:42,220

purpose of doing that correct that's
correct so there's nothing out of line

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01:22:42,220 --> 01:23:01,600

whatsoever in you for example well I was
just then I remove my question I was

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01:23:01,600 --> 01:23:06,220

concerned because another that there was
a complaint filed by a congressman and I

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01:23:06,220 --> 01:23:08,020

was wondering this was just a
continuation of that

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01:23:08,020 --> 01:23:12,970

so I withdraw my life I was concerned
mr. chairman because that was the reason

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01:23:12,970 --> 01:23:17,370

I asked you I have no authority to ask
to cheer anything and I know that but

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01:23:17,370 --> 01:23:21,670

not as a members of committee but as a
member of the House I was concerned as

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01:23:21,670 --> 01:23:29,420

to the line of inquiry because as I
recall the Attorney General defends

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01:23:29,420 --> 01:23:36,650

these lawsuits as I recall the Turner
general's office operates by legislative

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01:23:36,650 --> 01:23:41,060

appropriation part of which of my tax

dollars I don't necessarily agree with

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01:23:41,060 --> 01:23:45,290

what their defense of a lot of the lawsuits I don't I don't necessarily

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01:23:45,290 --> 01:23:52,250

agree with a lot of expenditures that are made on behalf of what I consider to

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01:23:52,250 --> 01:23:57,230

be illegitimate expenses such as defending a plan that's just clearly

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01:23:57,230 --> 01:24:03,469

unconstitutional but I'm as a lawyer not as a taxpayer I recognize that everybody

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01:24:03,469 --> 01:24:07,850

has should have the full obligation of having the best counsel available tool

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01:24:07,850 --> 01:24:12,170

when they're in a court of law and I wouldn't deny either the client served

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01:24:12,170 --> 01:24:16,460

by that organization another client served by the Attorney General staff or

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01:24:16,460 --> 01:24:21,940

any other litigant the best lawyers that they can get

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01:24:27,329 --> 01:24:31,999

anybody else have questions mr. Noriega

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01:24:33,139 --> 01:24:42,249

thank you sir very enforcement call Charles Louis Conklin

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01:24:47,039 --> 01:24:51,179

not when I think you were you have not

been sworn in fact I think there were

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01:24:51,179 --> 01:24:57,510

three witnesses that came in after we
swore the other witnesses I think there

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01:24:57,510 --> 01:25:04,800

are true yourself and Edward Ostergard
and Charles Nichols right three you

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01:25:04,800 --> 01:25:09,389

would please rise and minister the
solemnly swear affirm the testimony

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01:25:09,389 --> 01:25:11,670

you're about to give before this
committee will be the truth the whole

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01:25:11,670 --> 01:25:15,329

truth and nothing but the truth so help
you God I thank you please state your

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01:25:15,329 --> 01:25:18,449

full name for the record the capacity in
which you're appearing and then Percy

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01:25:18,449 --> 01:25:24,079

Charles Lewis Conklin
private citizen appearing for myself I

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01:25:24,079 --> 01:25:29,369

am cognizant of all the arguments that
have been made before this committee in

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01:25:29,369 --> 01:25:38,070

favor of splitting Nueces County and I
wish to concur and their testimony that

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01:25:38,070 --> 01:25:44,340

Nueces County would better be split I am
looking at the situation in San Antonio

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01:25:44,340 --> 01:25:47,570

who have been around a long time
20 years ago San Antonio had one

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01:25:47,570 --> 01:25:54,059
representative and LBJ came down there
and wanted to and then we got two for

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01:25:54,059 --> 01:26:00,179
San Antonio and then it was such a good
idea that in 1970 we got three there are

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01:26:00,179 --> 01:26:05,099
parts of San Antonio are represented by
three representatives this has worked to

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01:26:05,099 --> 01:26:10,440
San Antonio's advantage I simply think
that Corpus Christi has come of age I

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01:26:10,440 --> 01:26:15,389
believe that we would be better
represented by a duality of

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01:26:15,389 --> 01:26:18,599
representatives in the House of
Representatives than by a single

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01:26:18,599 --> 01:26:28,010
representative so
to put my place my endorsement behind

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01:26:28,010 --> 01:26:38,359
the split that was proposed that would
come down i-37 and go south and staple

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01:26:38,359 --> 01:26:46,039
street and cut West and have a few
little minor zigzags but in a sense

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01:26:46,039 --> 01:26:53,929
split the community and I agree with
Rudy Garza that the community of

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01:26:53,929 --> 01:26:57,559
interest of the eastern part of the
United States and the community of

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01:26:57,559 --> 01:27:01,669
interest of the western part of the of
Corpus Christi I'm speaking of Corpus

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01:27:01,669 --> 01:27:06,169
Christi eastern Corpus Christi and
western Corpus Christi are not identical

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01:27:06,169 --> 01:27:14,539
there has been an ideological it if you
will and that's a matter of fact whether

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01:27:14,539 --> 01:27:20,059
there is one or two that idea logic
logic split will not change it will

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01:27:20,059 --> 01:27:24,139
certainly make the citizens of the
western part of Corpus Christi much

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01:27:24,139 --> 01:27:29,510
happier to realize that they have in
their power the unquestioned power to

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01:27:29,510 --> 01:27:35,449
intellect without a doubt a member of
their own Hispanic community to

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01:27:35,449 --> 01:27:39,439
represent them in Congress that will
make them very happy I'm certain of this

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01:27:39,439 --> 01:27:44,179
and the eastern part of the Corpus
Christi would be very delighted to

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01:27:44,179 --> 01:27:49,429
realize that they could elect a person
they have a chance at least of electing

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01:27:49,429 --> 01:27:55,999

a person who is more in line with their philosophical understanding of the role

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01:27:55,999 --> 01:28:02,839

of government in our country from a national standpoint so and any way you

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01:28:02,839 --> 01:28:07,339

look at it it seems to me that Corpus Christi stands to gain a Nueces County

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01:28:07,339 --> 01:28:13,240

stands to gain by being split on record as a recommending that that's

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01:28:13,240 --> 01:28:21,970

all I do Washington does your theory about the

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01:28:21,970 --> 01:28:27,360

advantages of splitting Nueces County

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01:28:28,200 --> 01:28:34,510

only exists as far as it relates to Nueces County I'm only concerned with

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01:28:34,510 --> 01:28:37,930

Nueces County I understand what your concern is but your text and I assume

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01:28:37,930 --> 01:28:45,850

that you're concerned about all of Texas no sir I'm sorry you're not no see so

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01:28:45,850 --> 01:28:50,800

but if there's logic and merit to what you say in every County with at least

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01:28:50,800 --> 01:28:58,660

two hundred thousand population you've gone all over this before I'm not up

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01:28:58,660 --> 01:29:02,470

here to argue with you have you here to
answer the question yes sir sq I will

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01:29:02,470 --> 01:29:09,750

answer well answer that give it to me
straight again if your logic is correct

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01:29:09,750 --> 01:29:14,080

shouldn't this committee then endeavor
to split Jefferson County in the two

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01:29:14,080 --> 01:29:16,840

congressional districts
I have no idea what this committee

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01:29:16,840 --> 01:29:22,810

should do about Jefferson I don't have
any knowledge thereof that's very

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01:29:22,810 --> 01:29:25,030

interesting
would it be in the best interest of

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01:29:25,030 --> 01:29:28,900

Jefferson County to divided into two
congressional district that is a subject

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01:29:28,900 --> 01:29:35,970

for this committee to decide not for me
in your opinion I do not have an opinion

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01:29:36,090 --> 01:29:44,770

yes sir County has your logic is correct
would it be the best interest of

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01:29:44,770 --> 01:29:48,250

Louisville to be divided into two
congressional districts that's for this

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01:29:48,250 --> 01:29:51,030

committee to decide

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01:30:06,330 --> 01:30:11,190

Travis County has four hundred and ten thousand people would it be the best in

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01:30:11,190 --> 01:30:14,940

Travis County to be divided in your opinion in to congressional just I do

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01:30:14,940 --> 01:30:30,210

not have an opinion upon that you hard have been an unsuccessful candidate for

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01:30:30,210 --> 01:30:33,630

the Congress of United States is that correct I think you have a better chance

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01:30:33,630 --> 01:30:39,030

of winning if Nueces County split I do not know you don't have an opinion about

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01:30:39,030 --> 01:30:49,890

that either those mm-hmm dr. Conklin you indicated you alluded to Bell County

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01:30:49,890 --> 01:30:55,560

haven't been served by two congressmen and now they're being serviced by three

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01:30:55,560 --> 01:31:01,830

mm-hmm now once again poses the question that are you aware the fact that Bell

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01:31:01,830 --> 01:31:07,110

County for example to its population in excess of a million more than dictates

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01:31:07,110 --> 01:31:11,940

that they have to congressman for as for example Nueces County with a population

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01:31:11,940 --> 01:31:20,880

of 268 theoretically were only entitled to want because 200 or have for one

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01:31:20,880 --> 01:31:26,700
really because we do not have the number
in population what about we would want

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01:31:26,700 --> 01:31:32,250
to Congress went under the rules and
under the under the premise that we

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01:31:32,250 --> 01:31:37,140
operate under and that is that an ideal
district will contain 526 thousand so

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01:31:37,140 --> 01:31:43,590
you know I can't see for the life of me
that your argument in saying that Bell

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01:31:43,590 --> 01:31:47,820
County has been served well by
two-and-a-half congressman or three

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01:31:47,820 --> 01:31:52,440
congressmen and to correlate that in
regards to Nueces County when in fact

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01:31:52,440 --> 01:31:58,800
you're talking about diluting the Nueces
County as a whole by virtue of the fact

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01:31:58,800 --> 01:32:01,590
that you would only have a hundred and
thirty in in each one of those

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01:32:01,590 --> 01:32:07,680
congressional districts where now the
total population of 268 there's almost

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01:32:07,680 --> 01:32:13,440
50% of of a congressional district I do
not consider that San Antonio has been

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01:32:13,440 --> 01:32:17,340
diluted by being represented by more

than two congressmen

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01:32:17,340 --> 01:32:20,430

I do not consider their being deluded at all I believe they're being augmented

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01:32:20,430 --> 01:32:25,170

and helped by that and I believe that the citizens of San Antonio are not in a

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01:32:25,170 --> 01:32:29,490

state of civil war over this split I don't think well I don't know you

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01:32:29,490 --> 01:32:33,330

understood my question what I'm saying is that perry county is not being

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01:32:33,330 --> 01:32:38,130

diluted and i could agree with nothing more than they deserved a hand the two

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01:32:38,130 --> 01:32:41,880

congressmen by virtue of the fact that they've got the population pockets in

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01:32:41,880 --> 01:32:44,520

that area but i cannot see the correlation whereas nueces county

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01:32:44,520 --> 01:32:49,260

there's barely make up a half of a congressional district and that you take

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01:32:49,260 --> 01:32:53,580

that further and try to split that in quarters twenty years ago bayer county

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01:32:53,580 --> 01:32:58,130

did not have enough to be to be represented by more than one congressman

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01:32:58,130 --> 01:33:03,120

twenty years ago and then we had one
didn't it at that time a no they were

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01:33:03,120 --> 01:33:07,020

split into two and they liked it so well
they wanted three and they got three in

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01:33:07,020 --> 01:33:11,340

this and then 1970 census split but it
wasn't that population at the time that

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01:33:11,340 --> 01:33:17,430

that split occurred was something close
to in excess of 500 samarkanda would yes

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01:33:17,430 --> 01:33:22,040

it was I don't have any other question

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01:33:30,249 --> 01:33:34,189

nickels I think your previous this
morning state your full name capacity in

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01:33:34,189 --> 01:33:37,899

which you're appearing then pursue
that's right - I'm Charles de Nichols

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01:33:37,899 --> 01:33:43,399

1547 Leland Cox Christi Texas I'm
peering out of the private citizen and

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01:33:43,399 --> 01:33:47,599

as a member of the Republican Party of
Nueces County I do not speak for the

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01:33:47,599 --> 01:33:52,699

Republican Party I speak only as an
individual of that party I've said it a

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01:33:52,699 --> 01:34:02,510

day and I've been amazed at the talk in
regards to the splitting of a County and

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01:34:02,510 --> 01:34:08,239

the worry and whether or not it's going to be divided along ethnic lines I think

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01:34:08,239 --> 01:34:12,169

the question should be and it was discussed in some manner about the

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01:34:12,169 --> 01:34:18,979

ideological and philosophical philosophical belief of those areas if

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01:34:18,979 --> 01:34:23,839

Nueces County happened to be split which I hope it is I would live in the Western

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01:34:23,839 --> 01:34:29,479

District and such as mr. Garza explained I would live in his district and mr.

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01:34:29,479 --> 01:34:33,739

Elango is not in his representative district but in that congressional

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01:34:33,739 --> 01:34:39,169

district I do not feel uncomfortable because it because it is a majority of

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01:34:39,169 --> 01:34:44,089

Mexican Americans I have run two previous races in Nueces County and have

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01:34:44,089 --> 01:34:48,409

not won either one one in a single member a representative race and the

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01:34:48,409 --> 01:34:52,969

other in a countywide County chairmen race I fared better

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01:34:52,969 --> 01:34:59,479

amongst the Mexican Americans and I did the Anglos in the race for the county

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01:34:59,479 --> 01:35:03,349
chairmanship so I do not feel
uncomfortable with the mexican-americans

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01:35:03,349 --> 01:35:09,409
I can I can sympathize with many of them
that are conferred with me that they

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01:35:09,409 --> 01:35:15,649
would like to see Nueces County split
but the leadership of the so called of

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01:35:15,649 --> 01:35:20,719
the so called mexican-american community
that lives on a far south side away from

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01:35:20,719 --> 01:35:26,989
those people or out speaking in behalf
of the people because of the fact that

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01:35:26,989 --> 01:35:30,499
they know that if the district is split
alone philosophical and ideological

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01:35:30,499 --> 01:35:36,439
lines then they won't have a base to Hal
from on the south side hoping to

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01:35:36,439 --> 01:35:41,160
influence the vote on the west side that
is caused a division in court

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01:35:41,160 --> 01:35:48,120
Cristi which I think will simmer it and
certainly quiet the so called division

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01:35:48,120 --> 01:35:53,340
of the city with two congressional seats
the same as it did when we had the

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01:35:53,340 --> 01:35:58,650
single-member districts and the
legislative races and what a committee

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01:35:58,650 --> 01:36:02,880

and corpse quest is now trying to create
in regards to single-member districts

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01:36:02,880 --> 01:36:06,960

for the City Council we already have the
single-member districts in the

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01:36:06,960 --> 01:36:10,980

commissioners race and it's it's very
it's very favorable we have equal

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01:36:10,980 --> 01:36:15,630

representation on the board we have it
now finally in the school district we

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01:36:15,630 --> 01:36:21,450

have never had the busing situation in
Nueces County if in the past we would

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01:36:21,450 --> 01:36:27,450

have had spokesman in two-party system
speaking out against injustice that was

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01:36:27,450 --> 01:36:31,650

done to many of us when the machine
politics at the courthouse whether it be

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01:36:31,650 --> 01:36:36,330

from my County down here originally of
Lockhart who used to Lockhart which is

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01:36:36,330 --> 01:36:40,770

Caldwell County that used to be under
Travis County and we got very little

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01:36:40,770 --> 01:36:47,400

representation there so I say that if
you split the counties you will give the

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01:36:47,400 --> 01:36:51,960

representation of us on the west side of
Corpus that would be paired with the

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01:36:51,960 --> 01:36:57,180
narrator a chance to possibly elect
somebody more along the line of thinking

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01:36:57,180 --> 01:37:02,040
in that congressional district and take
the south side and put them in the

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01:37:02,040 --> 01:37:05,700
northern district that you've proposed
and I think you'll have a more

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01:37:05,700 --> 01:37:11,390
harmonious situation I remember very
vividly the situation in Burke County in

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01:37:11,390 --> 01:37:16,410
1962 and mr. Poole was leading mr.
Gonzales not that I did not think that

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01:37:16,410 --> 01:37:21,120
mr. Gowen mr. Gonzales should be elected
but then the Vice President Lyndon

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01:37:21,120 --> 01:37:26,040
Johnson brought in kenty fleece for
Mexico and threatened to shut down all

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01:37:26,040 --> 01:37:31,920
the native bases there in San Antonio by
quoting Time magazine at that time that

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01:37:31,920 --> 01:37:36,450
if they didn't vote in mr. Gonzales that
he would he would see those bases will

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01:37:36,450 --> 01:37:42,750
possibly shut down so what I'm saying is
that causes divisive Nastasia San

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01:37:42,750 --> 01:37:47,820
Antonio has three representatives even

understand it there's a push possibly to

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01:37:47,820 --> 01:37:51,660

even create four and yet because of
these districts that have been created

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01:37:51,660 --> 01:37:55,580

in a single
fashion San Antonio has elected I think

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01:37:55,580 --> 01:38:00,590

a very outstanding mayor total candidate
of mexican-american descent that doesn't

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01:38:00,590 --> 01:38:05,570

bother me I wish we had him in Corpus
Christi but divorces in Corpus that

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01:38:05,570 --> 01:38:12,230

control the Westside vote continue to
try to keep their divisive nough sup so

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01:38:12,230 --> 01:38:18,200

that they can pick off those people to
fund them to keep up the the rhetoric so

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01:38:18,200 --> 01:38:23,000

that the Westside is not properly a
representative I tend to disagree with

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01:38:23,000 --> 01:38:27,110

the man a while ago in regards to the
last election in Corpus Christi along

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01:38:27,110 --> 01:38:32,000

the City Council lines I felt like that
the reason the people did not come out

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01:38:32,000 --> 01:38:35,960

to vote in regards to mexican-american
candidates I didn't think there were too

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01:38:35,960 --> 01:38:40,370

many qualified good of mexican-american candidates that related with the Mexican

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01:38:40,370 --> 01:38:44,600

American people so they didn't take a real interest so consequently they

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01:38:44,600 --> 01:38:49,040

didn't elect anybody and until you have the single-member districts in the City

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01:38:49,040 --> 01:38:52,970

Council of Corpus I think those people are going to feel like they're gonna be

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01:38:52,970 --> 01:38:55,670

left out and I think they feel like mininum feel like they left out right

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01:38:55,670 --> 01:39:02,270

now in the congressional process because it's always been a representative that

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01:39:02,270 --> 01:39:07,100

in and since we lost John young fortunately we haven't had a

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01:39:07,100 --> 01:39:11,090

representative out of Corpus Christi and I certainly can concur and feel exactly

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01:39:11,090 --> 01:39:15,890

like the people from be counted that if Corpus Christi is gonna be in the

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01:39:15,890 --> 01:39:20,210

district with them after having live in Lockhart like I did knowing what we had

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01:39:20,210 --> 01:39:24,050

to put up with in regards to Travis County and Lyndon Johnson running out of

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01:39:24,050 --> 01:39:29,150

here one time and then mr. Jake pickle
and others I can remember those days

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01:39:29,150 --> 01:39:32,840

vividly we've been hardly get
representation down in Lockhart and I

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01:39:32,840 --> 01:39:37,460

can understand exactly what be counties
talking about I can also disagree with

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01:39:37,460 --> 01:39:41,060

mr. bolongo in regards to the regional
form of government I think it's set up

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01:39:41,060 --> 01:39:46,190

very poorly in terms of it it's it's
Nueces County being the dominant force

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01:39:46,190 --> 01:39:51,110

in that particular and those people have
to come in unbeli and and don't I don't

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01:39:51,110 --> 01:39:56,090

think it's fair representation
so I would encourage you and I think

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01:39:56,090 --> 01:40:00,410

it'll make for a better situation in
regards to what congressional districts

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01:40:00,410 --> 01:40:04,610

should be and that is the vote that's
nearest to the people that Jefferson

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01:40:04,610 --> 01:40:08,930

talked about in terms of representative
government along ideological and

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01:40:08,930 --> 01:40:15,670

philosophical lines I'm very comfortable
with with with many people of different

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01:40:15,670 --> 01:40:21,470
ethnic backgrounds such as clay smothers
I'm sorry he didn't rent when his

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01:40:21,470 --> 01:40:25,720
congressional race I only wished I could
have been there to help him run but

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01:40:25,720 --> 01:40:30,970
unfortunately I wasn't but I hope he'll
come back and try again because he and I

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01:40:30,970 --> 01:40:36,980
confer quite often Lee mr. Gore's and I
could confer quite often Lee we get

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01:40:36,980 --> 01:40:42,920
along fine why are our differences or
not in comparison to the to the

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01:40:42,920 --> 01:40:47,390
representative form of government that
we have now and the legislative process

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01:40:47,390 --> 01:40:51,200
that I wish we could get in the
congressional process along those lines

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01:40:51,200 --> 01:40:55,690
that I spoke of thank you sir

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01:41:00,679 --> 01:41:06,090
Charlie indicated that you're for the
split and the net effect is that you

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01:41:06,090 --> 01:41:12,119
would live in the district that would
encompass the Westside community in

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01:41:12,119 --> 01:41:17,610
Nueces County that would conceivably run
west and south would you be able to

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01:41:17,610 --> 01:41:23,699
fully participate in the process if that
was to occur I'm talking about would you

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01:41:23,699 --> 01:41:27,510
vote in the Democratic primary I'm
trying to recruit you know Rudy while

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01:41:27,510 --> 01:41:30,449
ago lives close to me I'm trying to
recruit some of you guys that I know

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01:41:30,449 --> 01:41:35,219
they were very active in the Democratic
Party and for philosophical or

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01:41:35,219 --> 01:41:38,969
ideological reasons over the last four
or five years you've you've kind of

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01:41:38,969 --> 01:41:43,170
strayed away and I'd like to and I'm
curious to know whether or not there's

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01:41:43,170 --> 01:41:46,409
any possibility I being able to bring
you back in the fold and and I was

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01:41:46,409 --> 01:41:50,360
concerned with Rudy because Rudy said
well I will not vote in the Democratic

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01:41:50,360 --> 01:41:56,400
primary thereby I felt that his vote was
being diluted and then by virtue of the

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01:41:56,400 --> 01:41:59,130
fact that he lives in that district he
would not be able to vote in the other

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01:41:59,130 --> 01:42:02,880
district and I'm real concerned about
him because I don't think he's going to

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01:42:02,880 --> 01:42:06,239
be able to we're going to be able to
really maximize his participation in the

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01:42:06,239 --> 01:42:09,179
process and that's one of the things
that we've been looking at so I'm you

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01:42:09,179 --> 01:42:12,659
know I pose the same question to you and
and that is would you be able to fully

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01:42:12,659 --> 01:42:19,829
participate the same as I participated
when I ran against the representative we

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01:42:19,829 --> 01:42:25,530
have now Arlen Gonzalez although that
district was made up heavily of Mexican

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01:42:25,530 --> 01:42:32,550
American people and he and he did win it
did I didn't feel uncomfortable running

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01:42:32,550 --> 01:42:38,550
in that particular representatives race
last fall as a Republican and I wouldn't

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01:42:38,550 --> 01:42:43,920
feel uncomfortable running in the
congressional seat if we could split

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01:42:43,920 --> 01:42:48,840
Nueces County because I feel like the
biggest opposition that I've had in the

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01:42:48,840 --> 01:42:52,860
past is the so-called conservatives on
the south side that are very

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01:42:52,860 --> 01:42:57,210
conservative their money but very level

with yours and mine well negative

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01:42:57,210 --> 01:43:02,360

actually the follow-up question of course that's assuming that that the

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01:43:02,360 --> 01:43:08,210

South Texas district that would be split and be going south would all of a sudden

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01:43:08,210 --> 01:43:12,360

get a tremendous sex change and all of a sudden it's gonna flip and become a

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01:43:12,360 --> 01:43:14,250

Republican district that you would be four

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01:43:14,250 --> 01:43:19,680

be able to participate well I think I think mr. Blanco the other day at the

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01:43:19,680 --> 01:43:24,000

Tuesday luncheon you answered that very properly when when you mentioned the

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01:43:24,000 --> 01:43:29,010

fact that in in congressional districts that were predominantly Mexican

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01:43:29,010 --> 01:43:35,400

Americans such as an elf elf El Paso and in others that Anglos are able to and I

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01:43:35,400 --> 01:43:40,560

think the Mexican Americans are very conscientious and very proud of their

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01:43:40,560 --> 01:43:46,590

vote if somebody will come down to their level and talk with them and not live

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01:43:46,590 --> 01:43:51,000

off someplace else and try to come in
and represent them such as we have then

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01:43:51,000 --> 01:43:55,590

Corpus Christi as you're very familiar
with so you do not do that you live in

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01:43:55,590 --> 01:43:59,640

that district
you don't live off enough you can call

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01:43:59,640 --> 01:44:02,250

it Silk Stocking I have nothing against
those people who can live where they

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01:44:02,250 --> 01:44:05,730

want to get live but they go over there
and then they want to come back down in

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01:44:05,730 --> 01:44:10,530

the barrios and supposedly represent
those people and most of the time it's

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01:44:10,530 --> 01:44:14,070

for living that they make out of it you
know I agree I'm just a little confused

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01:44:14,070 --> 01:44:17,220

in that I know for the most part you've
been a very outspoken critic of the

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01:44:17,220 --> 01:44:23,100

so-called
ivory tower boys the the okay the

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01:44:23,100 --> 01:44:26,130

pseudo-intellectuals that many times you
have referred to them and the big fat

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01:44:26,130 --> 01:44:30,600

cats but yet it appears to me that
you're playing right into their hand by

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01:44:30,600 --> 01:44:35,220
virtue of the fact of allowing them to
to self serve their selfish interests

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01:44:35,220 --> 01:44:39,720
and divide the community and send it on
north and then at the other hand you end

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01:44:39,720 --> 01:44:44,430
up in a district where conceivably as a
participant down party using

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01:44:44,430 --> 01:44:49,680
partisanship that your your your vote
and your participation is going to be

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01:44:49,680 --> 01:44:55,530
diluted and being diluted if you're
having fair representative government

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01:44:55,530 --> 01:45:01,590
I'll try to get my point across but if a
man sees a difference from voting the

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01:45:01,590 --> 01:45:06,300
way that I think that he should vote
that's that's his privilege and that's

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01:45:06,300 --> 01:45:10,830
his right as of order and let me say one
other thing it wasn't me that left the

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01:45:10,830 --> 01:45:15,540
Democratic Party it was a democratic
party that left many of us in terms of

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01:45:15,540 --> 01:45:22,980
the platforms that they have adopted and
and in the past 15 to 20 years again I I

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01:45:22,980 --> 01:45:27,630
feel just as comfortable in fact I've
campaigns in the

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01:45:27,630 --> 01:45:34,650

I've campaigned in San Diego campaigned
in freer annales I don't I don't find

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01:45:34,650 --> 01:45:38,760

any the only thing I wished I could I
wished I could talk Spanish because then

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01:45:38,760 --> 01:45:42,989

I could probably relate with them better
those that can't speak English but I

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01:45:42,989 --> 01:45:46,860

find most of them speak better English
and I do and it's again the leadership

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01:45:46,860 --> 01:45:51,270

that's trying to sell us a bill of goods
that we have to have bilingual education

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01:45:51,270 --> 01:45:54,510

all through the college level that's
absolutely absurd and it's only for one

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01:45:54,510 --> 01:45:58,380

purpose and that's degrees and all their
political machine that they're trying to

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01:45:58,380 --> 01:46:03,929

build through it you know the only other
question is it that obviously you're not

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01:46:03,929 --> 01:46:07,800

concerned and and you don't have to
answer this question but it there is the

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01:46:07,800 --> 01:46:10,949

possibility that that you would come
back into the Democratic fold and

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01:46:10,949 --> 01:46:21,090

participate in the Democratic Party and
I don't I don't dislike anybody because

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01:46:21,090 --> 01:46:25,320
they're in the Democratic Party I feel
sorry for that they can't see beyond the

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01:46:25,320 --> 01:46:29,280
one tree when the whole forest is
burning down around us but you wouldn't

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01:46:29,280 --> 01:46:32,699
have any problem if in fact your vote
got diluted and you didn't participate

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01:46:32,699 --> 01:46:38,940
my vote is mr. Blanco if I could tell
you a history of my background and where

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01:46:38,940 --> 01:46:43,320
I came from in terms of us getting
representation out of Maxwell into

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01:46:43,320 --> 01:46:49,409
Lockhart of a town of about a hundred
and fifty in the way that that County

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01:46:49,409 --> 01:46:56,639
was has been controlled by one party
machine for 150 years you would you

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01:46:56,639 --> 01:47:01,380
would you would feel you wouldn't feel
like a minority I felt like Norton I'm

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01:47:01,380 --> 01:47:05,610
Anglo incidentally incidentally my my
administrative assistant for the last

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01:47:05,610 --> 01:47:08,880
five years revised from the very
beautiful city of Lockhart and I plan to

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01:47:08,880 --> 01:47:13,620
have a real serious talk with her about

machining my split Lockhart okay in many

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01:47:13,620 --> 01:47:17,460

other cities such as mr. Washington
mentioned I mentioned a minute ago I can

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01:47:17,460 --> 01:47:21,719

see where Travis County should probably
be from the difference in the in the

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01:47:21,719 --> 01:47:26,010

representation and people not getting
fair representation with single-member

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01:47:26,010 --> 01:47:29,909

districts in the legislative process we
have brought in many people that

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01:47:29,909 --> 01:47:34,440

couldn't participate before so you know
that's just my feeling about it and

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01:47:34,440 --> 01:47:39,930

that's representative government
oh no what you think they kind of saw a

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01:47:39,930 --> 01:47:47,130

little bit of that barber nning up in
Plains Georgia last year you mean fire

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01:47:47,130 --> 01:47:53,040

you mean in regardless well you know and
that's the reason why I've campaigned in

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01:47:53,040 --> 01:47:57,540

and and if been in fighting hard for
years for an open presidential primary

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01:47:57,540 --> 01:48:02,310

where we don't let and in the caller
time than corpus unfortunately that's

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01:48:02,310 --> 01:48:05,490

one of our biggest problem because I
only have one paper there we don't get

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01:48:05,490 --> 01:48:10,110

the other side of the picture I propose
now since we have public service

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01:48:10,110 --> 01:48:15,300

television that we now are allowed in a
town of 200,000 or more with one

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01:48:15,300 --> 01:48:20,610

newspaper a subsidy or tax write-off to
create a opposition to a paper such as

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01:48:20,610 --> 01:48:27,240

them Austin needs a two paper city you
know it's it's it's it's it's

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01:48:27,240 --> 01:48:33,710

unfortunate but that's just the way it
is and I'm I'm glad of the fact that

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01:48:33,710 --> 01:48:39,420

people are now voting more independently
and are thinking independently and

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01:48:39,420 --> 01:48:44,640

looking at the man in terms of what he
stands for and like I say I think the

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01:48:44,640 --> 01:48:49,710

presidential primary has tremendously
helped and contrary to what a lot of

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01:48:49,710 --> 01:48:53,610

people think has created a lot of
influence if people want to get back

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01:48:53,610 --> 01:48:58,530

into politics and I hope and I'd like to
go on record that we don't let the

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01:48:58,530 --> 01:49:02,730
playmaker such as a caller x who wants
to go back to the old convention process

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01:49:02,730 --> 01:49:06,510
by fooling the people not letting them
have a choice in terms of who they want

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01:49:06,510 --> 01:49:10,320
is that presidential nominee and I'm
also surprised at mr. Patman because

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01:49:10,320 --> 01:49:14,670
1974 she was I fear campaigning for the
open presidential primary and I

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01:49:14,670 --> 01:49:17,610
understand now she's against it wants to
go possibly back to the convention

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01:49:17,610 --> 01:49:22,170
process and this brings in many people
that couldn't participate before and it

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01:49:22,170 --> 01:49:28,590
it only it and again I'll stay in the
party in battled with in whatever party

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01:49:28,590 --> 01:49:35,100
I might be in but I think those people
have a right to representation I think

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01:49:35,100 --> 01:49:39,450
that's what our founding fathers
intended and and gave us a constitution

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01:49:39,450 --> 01:49:46,500
to balance is on and and I'm I'm just
and I think the I think the merit I give

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01:49:46,500 --> 01:49:49,619
that given the people to give the people
a choice

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01:49:49,619 --> 01:49:54,949

and I and discuss the facts for them I'm convinced at ninety nine and a half

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01:49:54,949 --> 01:50:04,679

percent of the time they'll make the right decision thanks thank you sir

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01:50:04,679 --> 01:50:09,019

this time we call Edward Ostergard

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01:50:18,070 --> 01:50:22,190

trois guard I think you've been previously sworn if you'd state your

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01:50:22,190 --> 01:50:26,090

full name the capacity in which you're appearing then proceed yes sir

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01:50:26,090 --> 01:50:31,570

I meant excuse me I'm a Doster guard from Nueces County Corpus Christi Texas

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01:50:31,570 --> 01:50:36,500

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I'm Republican precinct chairman of

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01:50:36,500 --> 01:50:42,800

precinct 17 a Nueces County I am NOT appearing for the Republican Party I'm

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01:50:42,800 --> 01:50:49,250

appearing in my own behalf in front of this committee I thank the chairman the

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01:50:49,250 --> 01:50:54,020

vice chairman the members of the committee for having the opportunity to

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01:50:54,020 --> 01:51:01,850

appear and to voice my opinion of this redistricting proposal that we have in

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01:51:01,850 --> 01:51:08,840

Nueces County or the proposals and to go on record for the split of Nueces County

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01:51:08,840 --> 01:51:15,880

about which my cohorts back here have spoken I do not wish to be redundant

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01:51:15,880 --> 01:51:24,230

about the split of Nueces County but the desire for the split of Nueces County is

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01:51:24,230 --> 01:51:34,280

not desired either for or against ethnic lines rather it is a direct contrast

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01:51:34,280 --> 01:51:43,969

between philosophical and ideological lines and views those who are opposing

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01:51:43,969 --> 01:51:50,630

the division our for division by single-member districts within the city

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01:51:50,630 --> 01:51:55,340

of Corpus Christi Council Manek districts that is and Nueces County

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01:51:55,340 --> 01:51:59,920

where we already have single-member districts with our County Commission

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01:51:59,920 --> 01:52:05,420

those who are opposing the division of the the county are for single members

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01:52:05,420 --> 01:52:10,639

school districts and I should like to go on record of having called mr. Bonilla

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01:52:10,639 --> 01:52:16,159

when MALDEF filed suit against the city of Corpus Christi and requested that

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01:52:16,159 --> 01:52:20,000
they place my name on that suit and I
should also contribute funds to it and

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01:52:20,000 --> 01:52:23,159
never
received an additional answer in

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01:52:23,159 --> 01:52:28,109
reference to that we have fought for the
single member school district we've

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01:52:28,109 --> 01:52:32,099
fought for the single member council
manic districts we fought for the single

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01:52:32,099 --> 01:52:37,319
member districts as far as the the
county commissioners are concerned when

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01:52:37,319 --> 01:52:45,059
the Council of Governments to which mr.
belonga so Abele referred came into the

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01:52:45,059 --> 01:52:51,089
situation and attempted and are still
attempting to remove the county form of

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01:52:51,089 --> 01:52:57,199
government and replace it with a
regional form of government by a hired

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01:52:57,199 --> 01:53:06,539
director like a city manager rather than
by represented government from those

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01:53:06,539 --> 01:53:14,639
County districts and they're also in
favor of the single member school

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01:53:14,639 --> 01:53:21,689
districts now I have an and I'm not

angry with anyone on this committee and

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01:53:21,689 --> 01:53:26,339

I'm not going to use any names in reference but I have sat here this

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01:53:26,339 --> 01:53:33,599

afternoon and I have listened and witnessed a content system of philosophy

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01:53:33,599 --> 01:53:38,869

being used which is basically

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01:53:40,580 --> 01:53:48,610

a thesis antithesis synthesis way of thinking and and it grieves me some more

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01:53:48,610 --> 01:53:53,470

in other words for school districts and for County districts it's a good deal to

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01:53:53,470 --> 01:53:59,180

split them and to do it on the basis of single-member districts with which I

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01:53:59,180 --> 01:54:05,780

agree and concur by the way the most closely represent those individuals who

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01:54:05,780 --> 01:54:11,540

live within that particular district and as a consequence we get people who live

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01:54:11,540 --> 01:54:16,070

within the district representing that district rather than those who are

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01:54:16,070 --> 01:54:20,450

living outside of the district on another area of town representing them

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01:54:20,450 --> 01:54:27,800

like an at-large basis and that is what

I suggest and what I support is the

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01:54:27,800 --> 01:54:35,210

split along the philosophical and ideological lines basically liberal and

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01:54:35,210 --> 01:54:41,600

conservative liberal on the west side conservative on the east and that would

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01:54:41,600 --> 01:54:46,400

give representation most closely aligned with the thinking of the different

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01:54:46,400 --> 01:54:53,600

individual peoples within those areas I have no difficulty moving among the

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01:54:53,600 --> 01:54:58,010

Mexican American community I have no difficulty moving among the black

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01:54:58,010 --> 01:55:07,520

community and quite contrary to the idea of throwing up this so-called Berlin

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01:55:07,520 --> 01:55:13,400

wall between the west side and the east side and the south side of Corpus

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01:55:13,400 --> 01:55:19,940

Christi I find that in contrast to the experience I have with the relationships

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01:55:19,940 --> 01:55:23,870

among the Mexican Americans and the blacks within the city of Corpus Christi

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01:55:23,870 --> 01:55:32,380

in Nueces County I find there no ethnic division so-called

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01:55:32,780 --> 01:55:38,840

ladies and gentlemen among those
different groups of people and I do move

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01:55:38,840 --> 01:55:44,960

among them

I do find may I state a division among

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01:55:44,960 --> 01:55:53,750

the so-called leaders in those areas and
the people that division I do find and I

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01:55:53,750 --> 01:56:00,530

find that division perpetrated by those
so-called leaders so there's hardly a

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01:56:00,530 --> 01:56:05,840

logical explanation I think in
supporting representation closely

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01:56:05,840 --> 01:56:10,700

aligned to the thinking of the
population in a representative area for

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01:56:10,700 --> 01:56:20,060

city county school and state government
for that matter and not supporting that

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01:56:20,060 --> 01:56:25,580

same representation aligned with the
populations thinking in a congressional

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01:56:25,580 --> 01:56:34,150

district where is the problem with the
logic in that I failed to see it

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01:56:34,150 --> 01:56:40,820

furthermore there's little iddat II in
denying dual representation for our area

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01:56:40,820 --> 01:56:47,210

on the basis of splitting the community
and I refer here to San Antonio again

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01:56:47,210 --> 01:56:52,220
with three representatives now and
hunting for fourth one and they do not

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01:56:52,220 --> 01:56:55,850
have that split in the community
I must refer back in mr. Nicholas's

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01:56:55,850 --> 01:57:00,920
statement I've taught the fine mayor
they have elected him San Antonio I too

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01:57:00,920 --> 01:57:05,690
wish we had him in Corpus Christi I
think he would be an asset to our

1262
01:57:05,690 --> 01:57:12,710
community heard a statement not too long
back about well the movement back and

1263
01:57:12,710 --> 01:57:17,900
forth in my area where I happen to live
on the southeast side we have every

1264
01:57:17,900 --> 01:57:24,080
group of people living among us I would
say probably a preponderance of them are

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01:57:24,080 --> 01:57:27,980
gringos but we have a bunch of blacks
and we have a bunch of Mexican Americans

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01:57:27,980 --> 01:57:35,229
living in our area too and they are
quite mobile they move around quite well

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01:57:35,229 --> 01:57:39,499
so if the question is a liberal
representative for liberal area and a

1268
01:57:39,499 --> 01:57:47,269
conservative or conservative area and it
is then why not pursue a dually

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01:57:47,269 --> 01:57:53,269

represented County along philosophical
and ideological lines and the idea does

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01:57:53,269 --> 01:57:59,139

not hold water slide wait I think in
these my opinion or in my opinion that

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01:57:59,139 --> 01:58:04,399

because of the fact that I live in an
area and have a liberal representative

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01:58:04,399 --> 01:58:10,489

in either or the legislative districts
the county commissioners court school

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01:58:10,489 --> 01:58:15,409

district what have you that I cannot
work with that individual that is not

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01:58:15,409 --> 01:58:22,249

the case and I go back to 1974 when we
worked so very very diligently up here

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01:58:22,249 --> 01:58:27,199

for the presidential preference primary
and I happened to be at that time a

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01:58:27,199 --> 01:58:34,689

member of the Democratic Party or the
Democratic Party and I very well recall

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01:58:34,689 --> 01:58:42,260

the very knowledgeable the very
brilliant the very fine young lady who

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01:58:42,260 --> 01:58:49,789

led the fight on the House floor of the
House of Representatives and she wound

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01:58:49,789 --> 01:58:55,760

up in President Carter's office as one
of his staff members in that office of

1280
01:58:55,760 --> 01:59:02,329
lady by the name of Sarah Weddington did
a marvelous job on the House floor we

1281
01:59:02,329 --> 01:59:07,969
worked with her like like it was going
out of style a lady is sitting over here

1282
01:59:07,969 --> 01:59:12,829
with the purple dress on with whom we
worked at the same time and she makes

1283
01:59:12,829 --> 01:59:16,699
the same statement that others do I she
says I am a liberal and proud of it I

1284
01:59:16,699 --> 01:59:21,439
say I am a conservative and proud of it
wherever we come along the same lines of

1285
01:59:21,439 --> 01:59:26,479
representation and and thinking to where
it's good for our community we have no

1286
01:59:26,479 --> 01:59:31,129
division on that basis and there will be
no division in Nueces County on that

1287
01:59:31,129 --> 01:59:35,239
basis either you may rest assured of
that now that's not coming from a

1288
01:59:35,239 --> 01:59:41,659
political leader because that I am NOT I
simply mix and move about the community

1289
01:59:41,659 --> 01:59:47,079
a great deal and am active in supporting
different

1290
01:59:47,849 --> 01:59:56,920
so I'm not here to place anybody on this

committee on trial that I would not

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01:59:56,920 --> 02:00:01,830

attempt to do

I'm here to I'm here to and I have done

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02:00:01,830 --> 02:00:10,989

stated my particular views and desires

and I shall ask or answer any questions

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02:00:10,989 --> 02:00:18,389

that or attempt to answer them that are

posed to me but I too do not intend to

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02:00:18,389 --> 02:00:26,670

be placed on trial since this is not a

courtroom do we understand one another

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02:00:28,500 --> 02:00:34,420

mr. chairman mm-hmm one question and I

won't put you on trial I've known you

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02:00:34,420 --> 02:00:42,750

for a long time well I just hope I just

hope you answer the questions

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02:00:50,989 --> 02:00:58,640

I only wish I was adept at saying in

words what these guys are putting them

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02:00:58,640 --> 02:01:04,090

on the paper of that little machine I'm

not that fast

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02:01:16,150 --> 02:01:23,670

Percy

mr. Ostergard being where you live on

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02:01:23,670 --> 02:01:31,770

Merriman Street you would in essence be

living on the west side split district

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02:01:31,770 --> 02:01:35,810

that would be going south and west do
you feel that conceivably you

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02:01:35,810 --> 02:01:41,820
participation would be somewhat
diminished whereby you would not be able

1303
02:01:41,820 --> 02:01:49,159
to expel your philosophy your
ideological preference and maximize that

1304
02:01:49,159 --> 02:01:54,390
participation in a district that
conceivably has been pointed out at time

1305
02:01:54,390 --> 02:02:08,880
or two that it would be liberal
conceivably be a Hispanic district that

1306
02:02:08,880 --> 02:02:16,080
I do not hesitate to participate
wherever I may be and I do not feel

1307
02:02:16,080 --> 02:02:21,300
because of the fact that I would be
living in a liberal area or a liberal

1308
02:02:21,300 --> 02:02:26,969
liberal a representative district that I
would be unrepresented because at the

1309
02:02:26,969 --> 02:02:34,530
present time if I may use this analogy
to answer your question many times now I

1310
02:02:34,530 --> 02:02:42,570
go to other representatives outside of
my district for representation and that

1311
02:02:42,570 --> 02:02:48,060
does not bother me in the least I feel
like since I pay their salary your

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02:02:48,060 --> 02:02:55,760
salary I have a right as a citizen of
the state to expect decent

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02:02:55,760 --> 02:03:01,170
representation from you whether I
supported you annual helped elect you or

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02:03:01,170 --> 02:03:08,210
not I respect you as my representative
there I am going to support your

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02:03:08,210 --> 02:03:13,920
constitutional basis but I expect the
representative to respect my

1316
02:03:13,920 --> 02:03:18,590
constitutional
so I do not feel like my participation

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02:03:18,590 --> 02:03:24,170
would be diluted I do not feel like I
would be less heard we gonna software I

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02:03:24,170 --> 02:03:29,450
live you don't think that your impact
would be diminished if in fact you were

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02:03:29,450 --> 02:03:34,010
not going to participate me and that you
indicated that you know and I know that

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02:03:34,010 --> 02:03:37,160
you were active in the Democratic Party
at one time and now that you felt that

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02:03:37,160 --> 02:03:40,370
conceivably maybe the Democratic Party
has left you

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02:03:40,370 --> 02:03:47,210
my concern is now partisan arms of
whether or not what impact you would

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02:03:47,210 --> 02:03:51,200

have as an individual in regard on the
partisan lines whether or not you fully

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02:03:51,200 --> 02:03:56,300

participate and whether or not you know
I'm trying to figure whether or not we I

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02:03:56,300 --> 02:04:00,170

may I've talked to two of them one of
them I still haven't figured out whether

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02:04:00,170 --> 02:04:03,230

he's willing to come into the party or
not the other one definitely said not

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02:04:03,230 --> 02:04:07,120

and I pose the same question to you

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02:04:10,870 --> 02:04:16,310

unless it changes the basic philosophy
and its basic philosophy must be

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02:04:16,310 --> 02:04:24,469

expressed in that common platform which
it exposes or it a--just opposes places

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02:04:24,469 --> 02:04:30,650

out at the community's disposal to view
it then I might consider if should the

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02:04:30,650 --> 02:04:36,320

Republican Party desert me at that time
okay that was my only question I'm you

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02:04:36,320 --> 02:04:39,500

know I want to be sure that we have full
participation of it you know now the

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02:04:39,500 --> 02:04:43,130

other question is you alluded to the
fact that San Antonio and the Corpus

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02:04:43,130 --> 02:04:48,260
Christi and some of the same people that
are spelled going a single member

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02:04:48,260 --> 02:04:51,530
addition to the city
the fact that we have House districts

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02:04:51,530 --> 02:04:57,250
but so on and so forth but you know
we're talking about two different

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02:04:57,250 --> 02:05:03,410
distinct things in that number one the
divine of a school district the division

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02:05:03,410 --> 02:05:07,790
of the county in regards to that unit of
government is confined within the

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02:05:07,790 --> 02:05:16,960
confines of that county do the districts
to the districts for the commissioners

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02:05:16,960 --> 02:05:21,280
okay my friend

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02:05:29,290 --> 02:05:34,340
follow-up question you feel that that
Nueces County would not be diluted as a

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02:05:34,340 --> 02:05:39,320
whole as a community of interest with
representing almost a half of a

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02:05:39,320 --> 02:05:44,050
congressional district or ideal district
that they're influenced into a

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02:05:44,050 --> 02:05:46,910
congressional district would be
diminished by virtue the fact that

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02:05:46,910 --> 02:05:52,489

you're dividing that County which now
currently almost makes up 50% of a

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02:05:52,489 --> 02:05:57,940

congressional district okay thank you
nor the question

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02:06:09,730 --> 02:06:13,030

mr. Fisher

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02:06:14,699 --> 02:06:20,699

but while mr. Fisher is on his way up
here we'll take just a momentary break

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02:06:20,699 --> 02:06:26,270

in the action he'll be back in here

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02:06:30,670 --> 02:06:35,390

okay we'll come community to come back
to order and mr. Fisher who had been

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02:06:35,390 --> 02:06:42,260

previously sworn and um as a witness
earlier in the day is back at 5:00 to

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02:06:42,260 --> 02:06:47,890

testify and chair recognize mr.
Washington for a question at this time

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02:06:48,580 --> 02:06:55,790

mr. Bishop we could take up
approximately where we were for the saw

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02:06:55,790 --> 02:07:02,420

it just short interlude I have just two
areas of concern that I'd like to

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02:07:02,420 --> 02:07:06,610

discuss with you one is

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02:07:13,860 --> 02:07:23,760

one is the question of what the Voting Rights Act really means in terms of its

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02:07:23,760 --> 02:07:28,970

application to some of the considerations that we've discussed and

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02:07:28,970 --> 02:07:34,710

specifically the the map that that you presented to the committee and the

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02:07:34,710 --> 02:07:42,180

considerations that we talked about earlier a community of interest that and

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02:07:42,180 --> 02:07:48,980

that the first and foremost item of consideration and priority is the

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02:07:48,980 --> 02:07:55,230

adherence to the Voting Rights Act as it applies to the creation of congressional

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02:07:55,230 --> 02:08:02,670

district during the time that we've had I have refreshed my memory as to the

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02:08:02,670 --> 02:08:08,100

specific provisions of the Voting Rights Act not only the 1965 Act but the most

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02:08:08,100 --> 02:08:11,030

recent amendments

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02:08:13,650 --> 02:08:27,090

through 75 specifically 42 United States Code section 1973 see in terms of the

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02:08:27,090 --> 02:08:32,420

question that you and I were discussing of

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02:08:34,540 --> 02:08:39,520

when there is which is ultimately the question that I think we direction we

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02:08:39,520 --> 02:08:44,530

were both going how do you weigh these factors when you have a question of

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02:08:44,530 --> 02:08:49,660

community of interest if you will on the one hand a question of applicability of

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02:08:49,660 --> 02:08:54,040

the Voting Rights Act on the other a question of Reynolds against Sims Baker

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02:08:54,040 --> 02:09:02,560

gets car on the other that which takes precedent and which ought to be in your

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02:09:02,560 --> 02:09:08,500

opinion the foremost consideration when you have to make in a political body

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02:09:08,500 --> 02:09:15,660

like we are judgments and decisions these will be one or the other

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02:09:20,040 --> 02:09:24,120

if I understand correctly what you're saying I'd like to rephrase it to make

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02:09:24,120 --> 02:09:29,670

certain I understand of those considerations the the Voting Rights Act

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02:09:29,670 --> 02:09:36,150

the communities of interests and the court cases interpreting the Voting

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02:09:36,150 --> 02:09:41,510

Rights Act the Justice Department for announcements and all of that

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02:09:41,960 --> 02:09:48,420
information out of those which do you
place most important or places the

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02:09:48,420 --> 02:09:53,450
number one step am I just barely state

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02:09:54,230 --> 02:10:04,250
I think for my my opinion is that
the Voting Rights Act itself takes

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02:10:04,250 --> 02:10:11,180
priority over all the others however
common sense dictates to me that if

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02:10:11,180 --> 02:10:17,450
we're going to develop a plan for
representation of people within the

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02:10:17,450 --> 02:10:24,200
state of Texas that we give
consideration first to grouping those

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02:10:24,200 --> 02:10:31,190
people together as nearly as possible in
groups that share interests with the

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02:10:31,190 --> 02:10:36,980
caveat that simultaneously we look at
the Voting Rights Act the Act and its

1386
02:10:36,980 --> 02:10:42,410
requirements as we understand those
requirements coming down to us through

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02:10:42,410 --> 02:10:47,810
the court decisions and the Justice
Department for announcements you take

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02:10:47,810 --> 02:10:53,990
the Voting Rights Act then to mean and
require that wherever a protected class

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02:10:53,990 --> 02:10:58,750
exists in sufficient numbers to

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02:11:03,070 --> 02:11:09,190
create a district on whatever level
state representative State Senate

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02:11:09,190 --> 02:11:17,380
United States Congress that we are then
mandated not to protect address district

1392
02:11:17,380 --> 02:11:22,590
that they already have but to go further
and create one where one does not exist

1393
02:11:22,590 --> 02:11:30,099
yes sir I think that's that's what it
does mean you of course know the history

1394
02:11:30,099 --> 02:11:33,039
of the Voting Rights Act and I certainly
don't mean to argue with you about your

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02:11:33,039 --> 02:11:38,920
opinion that two things you should never
do as a lawyer for happen as a gentleman

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02:11:38,920 --> 02:11:42,940
if one aspect individual for his opinion
in argue with him about it after you ask

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02:11:42,940 --> 02:11:45,789
for it you should be willing to live
with it but let me explore it a little

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02:11:45,789 --> 02:11:52,360
bit you will recall of course that the
Voting Rights Act was elected in

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02:11:52,360 --> 02:11:58,869
nineteen was enacted in 1965 and was
part of the general program of what has

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02:11:58,869 --> 02:12:03,070
been come to call civil rights
legislation up to sixty right growing

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02:12:03,070 --> 02:12:08,800
out of that time and was enacted and
intended by the Congress to be in

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02:12:08,800 --> 02:12:13,000
furtherance of the fifteenth and
fourteenth amendments to the United

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02:12:13,000 --> 02:12:20,400
States Constitution which were up in and
of themselves civil rights enactments to

1404
02:12:20,400 --> 02:12:24,550
the United States Constitution and
having been made a part of the

1405
02:12:24,550 --> 02:12:30,940
Constitution after the Civil War and as
a part of reconstruction and it was the

1406
02:12:30,940 --> 02:12:36,579
intent of the Congress to provide full
access to the voting because of the

1407
02:12:36,579 --> 02:12:40,480
history of what has occurred since the
enactment of the 14th and 15th

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02:12:40,480 --> 02:12:47,769
amendments to allow full access by data
for disenfranchised monarda specifically

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02:12:47,769 --> 02:12:52,239
in the area of poll tax and other
devices like the white primary that we

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02:12:52,239 --> 02:13:00,239
use to prevent first black people and
then later on by more recent amendments

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02:13:00,239 --> 02:13:05,289

spanish-speaking american access to the
polluted political process to

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02:13:05,289 --> 02:13:10,000

participate by a boat
theory with that yes would you agree

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02:13:10,000 --> 02:13:15,969

that it was not the Voting Rights Act
but rather the 1964 believe it was case

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02:13:15,969 --> 02:13:22,540

of Bank against car which created
single-member the concept of print

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02:13:22,540 --> 02:13:27,760

single-member districts yet agree with
that one man one vote one man one vote

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02:13:27,760 --> 02:13:33,730

concept and out of one man one vote is
the general philosophy that if that is a

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02:13:33,730 --> 02:13:42,570

governing body made up of more than one
individual and there are underlying

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02:13:42,570 --> 02:13:46,690

communities of interest that are
separate and distinct such that they can

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02:13:46,690 --> 02:13:53,890

be recognized and drawn out then to
elect those people at large where you

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02:13:53,890 --> 02:13:58,179

have the opportunity to create
single-member districts dilutes the

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02:13:58,179 --> 02:14:03,310

voting strength on some occasions of
certain recognizable communities of

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02:14:03,310 --> 02:14:09,400
interest within the larger community I
agree with that and the Voting Rights

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02:14:09,400 --> 02:14:17,940
Act in real effect was intended merely
as a device to ensure that having

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02:14:17,940 --> 02:14:23,550
because of the Supreme Court case
created the concept of one man one vote

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02:14:23,550 --> 02:14:30,940
that the fruition of that that is
ultimate ability to elect would come

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02:14:30,940 --> 02:14:38,260
from the right to participate by voting
I think that spirit that is it will do

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02:14:38,260 --> 02:14:43,780
little good to create districts in which
minorities could win without ensuring

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02:14:43,780 --> 02:14:51,550
their participation by registration and
voting yes and the Voting Rights Act was

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02:14:51,550 --> 02:14:59,160
not intended to be nor is there language
in it that concerns itself with either

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02:14:59,160 --> 02:15:07,099
single-member districts or the election
of disenfranchised minority

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02:15:07,099 --> 02:15:11,659
that the question of the election of
candidates is not spoken to in the vote

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02:15:11,659 --> 02:15:17,300
of Voting Rights Act at all yes I grew

up there alright and that is it is what

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02:15:17,300 --> 02:15:21,380

it says is if what mr. Halliwell and I agree that it is it means of ensuring

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02:15:21,380 --> 02:15:27,260

protection and the voting process yes it's my understanding the Voting Rights

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02:15:27,260 --> 02:15:32,860

Act was designed to protect the interest of the voter not the elected all right

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02:15:32,860 --> 02:15:35,860

then

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02:15:37,689 --> 02:15:42,429

my Port Authority is it sir that you suggest that this legislature is

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02:15:42,429 --> 02:15:49,949

obligated to create a district in which a person of a particular ethnicity can

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02:15:49,949 --> 02:15:59,739

could be elected under the Voting Rights Act the and again I I must apologize for

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02:15:59,739 --> 02:16:05,019

not coming prepared with cases to cite but it is my general impression from

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02:16:05,019 --> 02:16:14,619

those cases I have read and from my reading of various extracts of Justice

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02:16:14,619 --> 02:16:21,249

Department for announcements that the emphasis has been placed on interpreting

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02:16:21,249 --> 02:16:28,989

the Voting Rights Act as an affirmative

action required to ensure the voting

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02:16:28,989 --> 02:16:35,199

rights of those people effected those
affected minorities spoken to in the

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02:16:35,199 --> 02:16:41,380

Voting Rights Act and therefore because
it is an affirmative action type of

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02:16:41,380 --> 02:16:46,120

program and I don't mean to use the word
affirmative action to refer to the

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02:16:46,120 --> 02:16:49,719

affirmative action program it requires
some action in order to comply with the

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02:16:49,719 --> 02:16:55,120

Voting Rights Act because that
interpretation has been placed on and

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02:16:55,120 --> 02:16:58,929

because that burden of those
interpretations hanging over the whole

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02:16:58,929 --> 02:17:07,479

process it is my opinion that a
legislative body which fails to where

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02:17:07,479 --> 02:17:17,539

possible provide a district that
one of those protected classes has an

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02:17:17,539 --> 02:17:24,130

opportunity to elect one of their own
choosing then it is my opinion that

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02:17:24,130 --> 02:17:31,279

either the courts and/or the Justice
Department will rule that plan violative

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02:17:31,279 --> 02:17:36,439

of the Voting Rights Act because it fails to provide that opportunity under

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02:17:36,439 --> 02:17:42,109

the the the total population figures that we have in the state of Texas for

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02:17:42,109 --> 02:17:51,880

example and I have it somewhere probably not right here the numbers 14 million

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02:17:51,880 --> 02:17:57,969

but the percentage of population population numbers of blacks and

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02:17:57,969 --> 02:18:03,739

Hispanics would indicate if all of those were grouped properly around the state

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02:18:03,739 --> 02:18:11,329

that blacks should be able to elect three members of Congress and the

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02:18:11,329 --> 02:18:16,669

Hispanics should be able to elect six for a total of nine all together if you

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02:18:16,669 --> 02:18:22,789

took the total populations and divided them by five hundred 27,000 fact is they

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02:18:22,789 --> 02:18:28,010

don't all live in an area of where that's possible and I believe the Voting

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02:18:28,010 --> 02:18:32,119

Rights Act as interpreted in the past and as I expect it to be interpreted in

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02:18:32,119 --> 02:18:36,439

the future based on those precedents will require this legislative body to

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02:18:36,439 --> 02:18:43,550

provide the maximum access to those protected classes of people the blacks

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02:18:43,550 --> 02:18:50,599

and the Hispanics in Texas so that you have a concentration where you have a

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02:18:50,599 --> 02:18:56,539

concentration of blacks or Hispanics that an effort be made to provide the

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02:18:56,539 --> 02:19:01,340

maximum opportunity for that class of people to elect one of their own

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02:19:01,340 --> 02:19:06,559

choosing okay that class exists in Houston in sufficient numbers

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02:19:06,559 --> 02:19:13,669

to have the 18th congressional district configured so that those protected

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02:19:13,669 --> 02:19:17,179

classes of individuals living in the 18th district have an opportunity to

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02:19:17,179 --> 02:19:22,849

elect one of their own choosing the same kind of grouping exist only in one of

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02:19:22,849 --> 02:19:28,639

the places in the state of Texas and that's in balance and therefore as we

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02:19:28,639 --> 02:19:35,329

were discussing this morning that's part of my reason probably the predominant

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02:19:35,329 --> 02:19:40,879

reason for that drawing of that 24th district in Dallas County the way it is

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02:19:40,879 --> 02:19:47,749

in order to maximize the opportunity of blacks and Hispanics in Dallas to elect

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02:19:47,749 --> 02:19:52,369

a member of Congress of their choosing whether it be of their particular plant

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02:19:52,369 --> 02:19:57,439

protected class or not irrelevant so would it be fair to say then that you

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02:19:57,439 --> 02:20:04,549

have made based upon the court cases that you've read leap of faith if you

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02:20:04,549 --> 02:20:12,430

will an extension the Voting Rights Act from the literal language of it that is

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02:20:12,430 --> 02:20:18,169

the purpose being to maximize the opportunity of protected classes to

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02:20:18,169 --> 02:20:24,890

participate by voting to the maximum opportunity of those protected classes

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02:20:24,890 --> 02:20:30,169

to elect a person of their choosing I believe that's the natural flowing of

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02:20:30,169 --> 02:20:33,979

the interpretations that have been given to it okay yeah one other thing and I

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02:20:33,979 --> 02:20:37,640

promise you in the Chairman I would have only two errors not be finished I really

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02:20:37,640 --> 02:20:41,209

appreciate the dialogue with you yeah although I'm sure everybody else is

1487
02:20:41,209 --> 02:20:48,319
bored the other thing I'm not bored the
other thing is back to correlation

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02:20:48,319 --> 02:20:52,479
politics and I noticed that you were
present when I was discussing at UT and

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02:20:52,479 --> 02:20:58,640
we didn't really get into that I think I
addressed it that is if you accept the

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02:20:58,640 --> 02:21:06,819
proposition that
at some level there must be in order for

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02:21:06,819 --> 02:21:12,489
the political circle as I view it to be
made whole whether it be in the election

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02:21:12,489 --> 02:21:18,399
of people to the House of
Representatives and Senate now there

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02:21:18,399 --> 02:21:24,040
will be coalitions people may not be
required because of the kind of

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02:21:24,040 --> 02:21:28,449
districts that are drawn to coalesce
with say let's take black people for

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02:21:28,449 --> 02:21:34,510
instance we may not require them to
coalesce with white and brown people at

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02:21:34,510 --> 02:21:38,979
the election level because we may create
sufficient districts for them to elect

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02:21:38,979 --> 02:21:43,630
people are they're choosing and let's

assume that they're going to be black

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02:21:43,630 --> 02:21:48,939

for the sake of the discussion without coalition's necessarily you recognize

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02:21:48,939 --> 02:21:54,300

that once they've reached the level of election to that body unless it is also

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02:21:54,300 --> 02:21:59,590

majority like themselves they must coalesce with browns and whites to

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02:21:59,590 --> 02:22:04,449

accomplish the ultimate goal of politics to return something of benefit to their

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02:22:04,449 --> 02:22:09,729

community the black state representative can't pass the bill up here without a

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02:22:09,729 --> 02:22:14,590

coalition of white and brown counterparts do you agree with that I

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02:22:14,590 --> 02:22:22,119

agree all right so the question is where does it - coalition take place agree

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02:22:22,119 --> 02:22:28,390

with that the question is where does the coalition yes at what level it is it may

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02:22:28,390 --> 02:22:33,790

take place at this level most arguably or City Council County Commission

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02:22:33,790 --> 02:22:40,899

wherever or it may take place at the election level that is you can by device

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02:22:40,899 --> 02:22:46,720

or by artifice create a district in
which blacks and Browns and whites must

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02:22:46,720 --> 02:22:51,399

coalesce toward a common interests of
electing a person who most Abele

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02:22:51,399 --> 02:22:57,069

represents their ideology without regard
to color if you conceivably had a

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02:22:57,069 --> 02:23:02,859

district that was 33 percent black 33
percent brown and 33 percent white at

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02:23:02,859 --> 02:23:06,360

least two of those groups
women that they all voted at the same

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02:23:06,360 --> 02:23:13,370

percentages must get together what is
called the coalition of what is called a

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02:23:13,370 --> 02:23:18,210

marriage of convenience or whatever for
the purpose of picking the candidate

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02:23:18,210 --> 02:23:23,940

that's muck that most likely represents
their views they must get together

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02:23:23,940 --> 02:23:31,351

whether they do it tacitly or directly
if no more than when they go into voting

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02:23:31,351 --> 02:23:35,940

booth and cast a vote for the same
candidate be that person black brown or

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02:23:35,940 --> 02:23:44,400

white that is a political coalition for
a common goal and in the instance that

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02:23:44,400 --> 02:23:49,920

we were discussing in Dallas would you not agree that to put all of the blacks

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02:23:49,920 --> 02:23:55,760

and most of the Browns in one district

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02:23:56,391 --> 02:24:05,340

goes against the concept of requiring them to pour less with what other people

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02:24:05,340 --> 02:24:12,061

are the voters in the district toward a common interest that is right now

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02:24:12,061 --> 02:24:18,450

assuming that the 5th of the 24th district have some percentage of black

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02:24:18,450 --> 02:24:24,750

and brown less than sufficient number in which to elect a person at less than

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02:24:24,750 --> 02:24:29,190

that is that is required to give them the maximum opportunity to elect someone

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02:24:29,190 --> 02:24:34,230

of that choosing and I think we agreed that that is the present situation that

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02:24:34,230 --> 02:24:37,800

in order to elect someone of their choosing right now they must coalesce

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02:24:37,800 --> 02:24:47,190

what either Browns White's are both who think similarly to them that's true and

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02:24:47,190 --> 02:24:52,230

if they do so they will elect if they successfully do so they will elect to

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02:24:52,230 --> 02:24:58,740
congressman is that correct yes they
will elect to congressman we agree that

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02:24:58,740 --> 02:25:02,580
the ultimate test of whether they do so
or not is whether the person stays in

1532
02:25:02,580 --> 02:25:04,971
office

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02:25:05,260 --> 02:25:09,970
sorry and would you agree that the
ultimate question of whether the person

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02:25:09,970 --> 02:25:13,870
that they that whether they are
successful in coalescing in electing

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02:25:13,870 --> 02:25:18,910
someone who represents their interests
would be by electing the person and

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02:25:18,910 --> 02:25:23,140
looking to see two years later at the
next election whether that group that

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02:25:23,140 --> 02:25:26,800
we're looking at in this case two black
people in Dallas turnout in large

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02:25:26,800 --> 02:25:31,840
numbers to support a defeat that
candidate that would be an indication it

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02:25:31,840 --> 02:25:35,080
would be probably the strongest
indication that a politician could have

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02:25:35,080 --> 02:25:40,180
wouldn't it all right and to the extent
that the black people of Dallas County

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02:25:40,180 --> 02:25:47,080
have in the last several elections in
large numbers not only participated by

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02:25:47,080 --> 02:25:53,290
coalescing to elect the current holders
of those offices but have participated

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02:25:53,290 --> 02:25:59,050
in staggeringly large percentages to
that reelection would it be safe to

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02:25:59,050 --> 02:26:05,830
assume that at least at that level and
at that time and not trying to project

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02:26:05,830 --> 02:26:09,910
it into what they would ultimately want
but right now would it be safe to assume

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02:26:09,910 --> 02:26:14,649
without more that they're fairly well
satisfied with the people that they're

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02:26:14,649 --> 02:26:22,420
sending to Congress I can't agree that
it's fair to assume without going okay

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02:26:22,420 --> 02:26:29,050
cause we have to get into the area of
the opportunity of choosing one of their

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02:26:29,050 --> 02:26:35,319
own choice rather than a choice between
two evils the lesser of two evils I

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02:26:35,319 --> 02:26:38,859
wasn't trying to suggest that you were
saying anything I wasn't trying to force

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02:26:38,859 --> 02:26:44,050
this at least this they have chosen the
lesser of two evils and been satisfied

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02:26:44,050 --> 02:26:48,760

enough with the lesser of two evils to
return the lesser of two evils on two

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02:26:48,760 --> 02:26:52,630

additional occasions through the
Congress of the United States I I don't

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02:26:52,630 --> 02:26:58,779

agree that that follows necessarily if
you have no choice but to make a choice

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02:26:58,779 --> 02:27:04,410

between the lesser of two evils then it
must follow logically as long as you

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02:27:04,410 --> 02:27:10,260

have no choice you will continue to
choose the lesser of two eaters but when

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02:27:10,260 --> 02:27:17,970

you are in a situation where you have
sufficient numbers now to choose the

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02:27:17,970 --> 02:27:27,930

choices then if you continue to elect
term after term then I can say yes you

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02:27:27,930 --> 02:27:32,730

have you have to admit that those people
must be satisfied with their

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02:27:32,730 --> 02:27:36,660

representation or they would choose
someone else sorry the present

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02:27:36,660 --> 02:27:40,650

circumstances as you outlined them
before between the 3rd and the 24th

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02:27:40,650 --> 02:27:48,391

without sufficient numbers to control
the choices the first choice the

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02:27:48,391 --> 02:27:53,670
choosing of two from which they will
Alton I choose one without the ability

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02:27:53,670 --> 02:27:59,370
to impact that first choice
significantly enough to determine its

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02:27:59,370 --> 02:28:04,800
outcome I can't agree that since they
keep electing the same people they

1566
02:28:04,800 --> 02:28:09,510
therefore must be satisfied with but you
forget one salient agreement I certa

1567
02:28:09,510 --> 02:28:14,910
don't mean to argue with you they also
have the choice of core lasting with a

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02:28:14,910 --> 02:28:23,450
different group to unelect that
individual do they not perhaps look at

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02:28:23,450 --> 02:28:29,521
you and I are talking about abstractions
here we have to look at the actual

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02:28:29,521 --> 02:28:35,730
situation where there are not coalition
is possible between the three groups it

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02:28:35,730 --> 02:28:40,980
perhaps is not possible perhaps there is
a reason why one or the other groups

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02:28:40,980 --> 02:28:46,920
cannot coalesce with the others and I
think that's probably why we find the

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02:28:46,920 --> 02:28:51,960
interpretations of the Voting Rights Act

to be the way they are because giving

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02:28:51,960 --> 02:28:58,439

given the differences in circumstances
from one situation to the other you have

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02:28:58,439 --> 02:29:03,800

see whether or not there's a reason and
the Voting Rights Act is not has not

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02:29:03,800 --> 02:29:10,920

been interpreted strictly to the point
that if there is a minority population

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02:29:10,920 --> 02:29:15,029

therefore there is discrimination it
hasn't said that if look at all the

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02:29:15,029 --> 02:29:22,130

circumstances and each one is different
in Dallas County for example if you

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02:29:22,130 --> 02:29:30,420

refuse where possible to provide a
district whereby those protected classes

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02:29:30,420 --> 02:29:34,439

of people have the opportunity to elect
one of their own shoes

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02:29:34,439 --> 02:29:40,109

then it is my opinion that it can be
successfully challenged in court as a

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02:29:40,109 --> 02:29:45,439

violation of the Voting Rights Act as a
violation of the Equal Protection Clause

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02:29:45,439 --> 02:29:50,909

because they haven't been provided the
same opportunity in proportion to the

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02:29:50,909 --> 02:29:58,409

rest of the population I must say this
it's interesting that that we have the

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02:29:58,409 --> 02:30:04,020

the difference of opinion at this point
on this subject the way we have it

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02:30:04,020 --> 02:30:09,869

because twenty years ago we would have
been completely flip-flopped on this

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02:30:09,869 --> 02:30:15,180

issue you would have been taking my side
and I take yours and I don't I'm not

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02:30:15,180 --> 02:30:19,890

sure I understand why that's the case
but there are still as have testified

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02:30:19,890 --> 02:30:29,880

here a large number of the black part of
Dallas that's affected by this twenty

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02:30:29,880 --> 02:30:33,899

fourth District who have come here and
testified that they wish to have a

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02:30:33,899 --> 02:30:40,560

district where they have the ability to
the opportunity to choose one of their

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02:30:40,560 --> 02:30:46,820

own choice not necessarily a member
their own minority or their own race but

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02:30:46,820 --> 02:30:53,390

they want the ability to do that just
like those of that protected class in

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02:30:53,390 --> 02:31:03,170

Harris County ham in my my I submitted
it it's it's not fair to say okay Harris

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02:31:03,170 --> 02:31:06,920

County can do this but Dallas County no
no no no we're not gonna do that in

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02:31:06,920 --> 02:31:11,689

Dallas County that's not I submit that's
not fair to that protected class who is

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02:31:11,689 --> 02:31:16,400

concentrated in Dallas County to deny
them the same opportunity that that

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02:31:16,400 --> 02:31:21,170

protected class has in Harris County
well if your logic be true of course you

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02:31:21,170 --> 02:31:25,970

realize that there's a great distinction
numerical and otherwise in Harris County

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02:31:25,970 --> 02:31:30,979

I would suggest than there is in Dallas
County because you're only talking about

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02:31:30,979 --> 02:31:34,430

a portion of the black people in Harris
County who live with an 18th

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02:31:34,430 --> 02:31:37,910

congressional district I would venture
to say that there are as many blacks who

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02:31:37,910 --> 02:31:41,960

live without 18th congressional
districts as they are within are they

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02:31:41,960 --> 02:31:48,530

then disenfranchised no but they are
nonsan traded this is the point there is

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02:31:48,530 --> 02:31:55,670

a concentration of blacks and Mexican
Americans who live in a geographic

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02:31:55,670 --> 02:32:00,950

concentration in Harris County so there
is draw another minority district did

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02:32:00,950 --> 02:32:05,060

you know that I understand that did you
draw such a district than your plan why

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02:32:05,060 --> 02:32:09,500

not tell us why because at the time I
drew it I didn't realize that I have

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02:32:09,500 --> 02:32:12,950

come to realize that since they're so
you would advocate on behalf of that

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02:32:12,950 --> 02:32:20,060

also then I don't know I why would we
how could you not I as I say mr.

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02:32:20,060 --> 02:32:23,900

Washington I just I just came to
understand that and I don't know what

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02:32:23,900 --> 02:32:28,160

the numbers are of where they're located
because I'm basing that just don't

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02:32:28,160 --> 02:32:34,000

testimony I've heard today primarily the
MALDEF just

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02:32:34,511 --> 02:32:40,221

it I understand that there are
differences but there is still a

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02:32:40,221 --> 02:32:46,841

concentration geographic concentration
of blacks and Hispanics in Dallas

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02:32:46,841 --> 02:32:51,801

similar different but similar to the
concentration which exist in Harris

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02:32:51,801 --> 02:32:58,641
County and my point is it is unfair from
a sense of just a common sense of

1618
02:32:58,641 --> 02:33:05,661
fairness to me to say to the Dallas
County folks you can't have what those

1619
02:33:05,661 --> 02:33:08,931
in Harris County have we're not going to
give that to you

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02:33:08,931 --> 02:33:15,891
there's the frustration that exists when
you're denied what someone else has and

1621
02:33:15,891 --> 02:33:21,860
you look at it and you say but I just
liked it why can't I have it the

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02:33:21,860 --> 02:33:26,211
ministration exists and that's the kind
of thing the Voting Rights Act I submit

1623
02:33:26,211 --> 02:33:35,740
was designed to mitigate against I'm
saying that in here in Dallas County

1624
02:33:35,740 --> 02:33:42,291
there's a concentration blacks and
Hispanics which deserve to have the same

1625
02:33:42,291 --> 02:33:46,641
opportunity that the concentration of
blacks and Hispanics

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02:33:46,641 --> 02:33:51,921
anyhow and I submit that if it's not
done that this legislative body will

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02:33:51,921 --> 02:33:57,051
abdicate its role in drawing those

district lines to a court and I would

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02:33:57,051 --> 02:34:02,990

personally prefer to see the legislative
body draw lines that will be uphill

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02:34:02,990 --> 02:34:08,211

because this body is represented by the
representatives of the people the court

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02:34:08,211 --> 02:34:12,801

is not and I think it would be a fairer
plan if this body draws it then if a

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02:34:12,801 --> 02:34:19,160

court draws it I ran in 1978 in the
district drawn by a court it was an

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02:34:19,160 --> 02:34:23,331

aberration in many instances there were
things that didn't make any sense about

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02:34:23,331 --> 02:34:27,141

it and I predict that the same thing
will happen again if a court draws it I

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02:34:27,141 --> 02:34:32,091

think it would be to everyone's
advantage in the state if this body gave

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02:34:32,091 --> 02:34:36,501

consideration to those things that I'm
talking about and draw lines that will

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02:34:36,501 --> 02:34:41,240

be that will stand the test of a court
challenge and I believe this 24th

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02:34:41,240 --> 02:34:44,240

district I believe these all of these
districts that we've drawn would stand

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02:34:44,240 --> 02:34:47,690

the challenge for Cortes
but that's we're not trying to pick

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02:34:47,690 --> 02:34:52,341
apart all of them I think it will stand
the test and I think this legislative

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02:34:52,341 --> 02:34:58,940
body has to look at that very seriously
in drawing those lines our purpose the

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02:34:58,940 --> 02:35:02,409
Western company
people that employ me a purpose in

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02:35:02,409 --> 02:35:06,909
coming down here with this kind of a
plan was to provide some input into this

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02:35:06,909 --> 02:35:14,800
process which was was not political
which in your lives are all political

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02:35:14,800 --> 02:35:20,909
and they must be and that's good that
they are ours is not ours is economic

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02:35:20,909 --> 02:35:26,409
and we for example we have facilities
scattered across the state of Texas and

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02:35:26,409 --> 02:35:30,520
when we decide to install a new and we
look at the economics of the situation

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02:35:30,520 --> 02:35:33,970
we look at the communities of interest
in the market and all of that kind of

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02:35:33,970 --> 02:35:41,250
thing so we have the ability to come in
somewhat objectively and present an idea

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02:35:41,250 --> 02:35:48,819
to this committee into this body which
removes itself as much as you can from

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02:35:48,819 --> 02:35:54,369
politics and give a different
perspective to as I said to begin with

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02:35:54,369 --> 02:35:58,659
this plan is not perfect in its
preservation of communities of interest

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02:35:58,659 --> 02:36:05,170
I don't think anybody's capable of doing
that for certain I'm not perfect those

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02:36:05,170 --> 02:36:11,920
of us who worked on it none of those
people I know are perfect so it's not a

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02:36:11,920 --> 02:36:15,369
perfect plan
neither is the MALDEF plan neither is

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02:36:15,369 --> 02:36:19,619
House bill 13 neither is the Wilson plan
none of them are perfect it's a it's a

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02:36:19,619 --> 02:36:28,420
an attempt to provide input into this
process as a house to say it but it's a

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02:36:28,420 --> 02:36:32,109
good corporate citizen of this of this
state and it's to my knowledge we're the

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02:36:32,109 --> 02:36:36,489
only corporate citizen of this state
that is done this kind of thing

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02:36:36,489 --> 02:36:42,850
and I'm not asking for any
congratulatory accolades for that it's

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02:36:42,850 --> 02:36:48,100

just something that we thought ought to be done and we did it you know I know

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02:36:48,100 --> 02:36:52,989

that you and I are not gonna agree on everything that that's in this plan know

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02:36:52,989 --> 02:36:57,279

the reasons for everything in the plan I've appreciated the opportunity today

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02:36:57,279 --> 02:37:04,060

to be able to explain it I expect there gonna be some other questions later on

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02:37:04,060 --> 02:37:09,279

in fact it occurred to me later today after I gave you mr. chairman the

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02:37:09,279 --> 02:37:14,380

printout that they're made to be there may occur the need to have some

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02:37:14,380 --> 02:37:19,449

interpretation of that printout because it's not in any form that that you have

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02:37:19,449 --> 02:37:21,989

probably

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02:37:22,439 --> 02:37:32,760

Thank You mr. fish I've enjoyed it Thank You mr. Pugh short questions using your

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02:37:32,760 --> 02:37:39,270

analogy between Houston and Dallas let me ask you this question back when as

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02:37:39,270 --> 02:37:42,510

you pointed out in your testimony in your dialogue mr. Washington this

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02:37:42,510 --> 02:37:47,939
morning when the black District in
Houston was created they were not under

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02:37:47,939 --> 02:37:52,830
the Voting Rights Act so that was
created either because it was morally

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02:37:52,830 --> 02:37:58,140
right our become mr. Washington and mr.
Leland and miss Thompson and mr. Rais

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02:37:58,140 --> 02:38:02,939
had the political clout are their
predecessors in office MS Jordan to

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02:38:02,939 --> 02:38:07,439
create the district either morally right
or they had the political power to do it

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02:38:07,439 --> 02:38:12,210
one of the two is that Corral grew all
right then if it was morally right and

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02:38:12,210 --> 02:38:16,140
they didn't have the Voting Rights Act
to creative fan then it's morally right

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02:38:16,140 --> 02:38:20,630
for us to create one in Dallas today to
give those people the same moral

1679
02:38:20,630 --> 02:38:24,630
representation that the people in
Houston have I certainly believe so

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02:38:24,630 --> 02:38:27,080
thank

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02:38:29,690 --> 02:38:34,791
Fisher we do appreciate the work that
you've done and trying to put together a

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02:38:34,791 --> 02:38:41,650

plan and people can look at it from
ideological political or whatever

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02:38:41,650 --> 02:38:45,921

philosophical position they desire to do
that the fact is that you did take the

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02:38:45,921 --> 02:38:50,541

time to attempt to put one together and
we do thank you for that we probably

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02:38:50,541 --> 02:38:56,240

will have some questions regarding
interpretation I would expect that this

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02:38:56,240 --> 02:39:05,811

committee will act hopefully this week
with some type of opportunity to move

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02:39:05,811 --> 02:39:11,961

forward on the Senate plan with some
modifications and being a posture to

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02:39:11,961 --> 02:39:15,670

where maybe the floor of the house can
consider next week person

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02:39:15,670 --> 02:39:21,250

since McCann so we very well may be
calling on you for some additional input

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02:39:21,250 --> 02:39:26,250

if you'd be available I will do my best
to be available teacher

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02:39:28,490 --> 02:39:33,790

Washington moves a bit east and recessed
2 p.m. for

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03:15:06,229 --> 03:15:08,289

you

