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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 10:00 a.m. A quorum present—37:

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Bernard	Harrell	Sharief
Boyd	Hooper	Simon
Bracy Davis	Jones	Smith
Bradley	Martin	Truenow
Brodeur	Massullo	Trumbull
Burgess	Mayfield	Wright
Burton	McClain	Yarborough
Calatayud	Nathan	
Davis	Osgood	

Excused: Senators Gruters and Leek

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Dr. Doug Stauffer, Faith Independent Baptist Church, Niceville:

Heavenly Father, we come before thee, acknowledging our weaknesses and human frailties. We confess that without thee we can do nothing. Lord, we thank thee for the privilege of service in this great State of Florida. As these Senators gather for this special session, we recognize the seriousness of the work before them—decisions that will shape representation and impact both this state and nation. We pray for each Senator, for President Albritton, and for Governor DeSantis and his Cabinet. Grant each of the state leaders wisdom beyond their expectations, discernment beyond political pressure, and courage beyond personal ambition. Help them to do what is right for Florida and what is right for this nation. Give them clarity to act in a manner that preserves liberty, protects the voice of the people, and strengthens the foundations of this Republic established 250 years ago. Empower them, Lord, not merely with authority, but with godly convictions. Remind them that leadership is not personal preeminence, but stewardship, not self-interest, but service to the people they represent. May they, like the founders of this nation, seek thy guidance and acknowledge thy hand in the affairs of this nation. Give them reverence for truth, a respect for law, and a commitment to that which is right. Let the decisions made in this chamber align with the Constitution, and may their work be sound, just, and able to withstand examination by the courts. May the work accomplished in this special session bring stability, fairness, and confidence to the people of Florida, and serve as an example of principled governance to this nation. We commit this session, these leaders, and this State into thy hands, O Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senator Burgess led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

SB 8-D—A bill to be entitled An act establishing the congressional districts of the state; amending s. 8.0002, F.S.; redistricting the state's congressional districts in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2020 (plan EOGPCRP2026); reenacting s. 8.031, F.S., relating to the election of representatives to Congress; reenacting s. 8.051, F.S., relating to electronic maps serving as the official maps of congressional districts; reenacting s. 8.0611, F.S., relating to severability; amending s. 8.07, F.S.; providing for applicability of the act; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title.

SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

MOTIONS

Senator Smith moved to temporarily postpone **SB 8-D**, pursuant to Rule 6.11. The motion failed.

The vote was:

Yeas—12

Arrington	Davis	Polsky
Berman	Jones	Rouson
Bernard	Nathan	Sharief
Bracy Davis	Osgood	Smith

Nays—23

Mr. President	DiCeglie	McClain
Avila	Gaetz	Passidomo
Boyd	Grall	Simon
Bradley	Harrell	Truenow
Brodeur	Hooper	Trumbull
Burgess	Martin	Wright
Burton	Massullo	Yarborough
Calatayud	Mayfield	

THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

RECESS

The President declared the Senate in recess at 10:32 a.m. to reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

MORNING SESSION, continued

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 11:39 a.m. A quorum present—38:

Mr. President	Berman	Bracy Davis
Arrington	Bernard	Bradley
Avila	Boyd	Brodeur

Burgess	Jones	Rodriguez
Burton	Martin	Rouson
Calatayud	Massullo	Sharief
Davis	Mayfield	Simon
DiCeglie	McClain	Smith
Gaetz	Nathan	Truenow
Garcia	Osgood	Trumbull
Grall	Passidomo	Wright
Harrell	Pizzo	Yarborough
Hooper	Polsky	

Davis	Nathan	Rouson
Garcia	Osgood	Sharief
Grall	Pizzo	Smith
Jones	Polsky	

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed HB 1D and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR, continued

The Senate resumed consideration of—

SB 8-D—A bill to be entitled An act establishing the congressional districts of the state; amending s. 8.0002, F.S.; redistricting the state's congressional districts in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2020 (plan EOGPCRP2026); reenacting s. 8.031, F.S., relating to the election of representatives to Congress; reenacting s. 8.051, F.S., relating to electronic maps serving as the official maps of congressional districts; reenacting s. 8.0611, F.S., relating to severability; amending s. 8.07, F.S.; providing for applicability of the act; providing effective dates.

—which was previously considered this day.

SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

Pending further consideration of **SB 8-D**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 1-D** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote—

HB 1-D—A bill to be entitled An act establishing the congressional districts of the state; amending s. 8.0002, F.S.; redistricting the state's congressional districts in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2020 (plan EOGPCRP2026); reenacting s. 8.031, F.S., relating to the election of representatives to Congress; reenacting s. 8.051, F.S., relating to electronic maps serving as the official maps of congressional districts; reenacting s. 8.0611, F.S., relating to severability; amending s. 8.07, F.S.; providing for applicability of the act; providing effective dates.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 8-D** and by two-thirds vote, read the first and second time by title.

On motion by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote, **HB 1-D** was read the third time by title.

SENATOR PASSIDOMO PRESIDING

SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

On motion by Senator Gaetz, **HB 1-D** was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—21

Mr. President	Gaetz	Passidomo
Avila	Harrell	Rodriguez
Boyd	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Martin	Truenow
Burgess	Massullo	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
DiCeglie	McClain	Yarborough

Nays—17

Arrington	Bernard	Bradley
Berman	Bracy Davis	Calatayud

By Representative(s) Persons-Mulicka—

HB 1-D—A bill to be entitled An act establishing the congressional districts of the state; amending s. 8.0002, F.S.; redistricting the state's congressional districts in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2020 (plan EOGPCRP2026); reenacting s. 8.031, F.S., relating to the election of representatives to Congress; reenacting s. 8.051, F.S., relating to electronic maps serving as the official maps of congressional districts; reenacting s. 8.0611, F.S., relating to severability; amending s. 8.07, F.S.; providing for applicability of the act; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of April 28 was corrected and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate in Special Session adjourned sine die at 3:04 p.m.

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BA — Bill Action
BF — Bill Failed
BP — Bill Passed
CO — Co-Introducers
CR — Committee Report
CS — Committee Substitute, First Reading

FR — First Reading
MO — Motion
RC — Reference Change
SM — Special Master Reports
SO — Bills on Special Orders

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