

1 elections except in those states which have elected all
2 their congressmen at-large prior thereto.

3 Now, of course, when we require in the proposed
4 language of 3.03(b) that the State be divided into
5 congressional districts, we are consistent with what the
6 Congress has agreed to thus far.

7 I think the question of "compact and contiguous"
8 is one of historical significance more than any other
9 thing. We know what something is when it is contiguous.
10 I am not sure that anyone knows how one can effectively
11 apply the requirement of compactness.

12 The thing that I think would interest the
13 Committee of the Whole is the sentence beginning on -- the
14 second sentence of 3.03(b), "The difference between the
15 populations of the largest and smallest congressional
16 districts in the State shall not exceed ten percent of the
17 mean population of all congressional districts."

18 That means that once the number of congressmen
19 has been determined for the State, that that number is
20 divided into the number of people in the State where you get
21 the mean population of an exact congressional district