COURT-BOUNDED. — Rep. John Hainkel of New Orleans said attorneys were ready to file suit in federal court to challenge the congressional redistricting plan approved Tuesday by the Louisiana Legislature. Grounds for the suit will be the transfer to the 3rd District of that portion of the 2nd District which voted for Republican David Treen in the last election. Rep. Hale Boggs, D., of the 2nd District narrowly defeated Treen. All of Lafayette Parish is in the 3rd District. (AP Wirephoto)

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Court Test Seen For Remap Plan

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The legislature’s plan to reapportion Louisiana’s eight congressional districts may wind up in the federal courts in two or three weeks, says a representative who opposed it.

Rep. John Hainkel of New Orleans, who originally fought the plan, came over to favor it—although reluctantly. He said he feared an adverse court decision.

Hainkel said of the House-Senate conference which worked on the plan: “It was cut and dried. The governor was in on it. So were the lobbyists. Congressmen and your assessors have called you. The pressure has been hot and heavy and thick.”

Rep. Robert Munson of Cheneville also fought the bill, saying that Sen. Michael O’Keefe, chairman of the Senate’s Redistricting Committee, didn’t do it by himself.

He said Treen defeated Boggs by 14,000 votes in the Jefferson Parish area that goes into the 3rd District.

Rep. Burton Angelle of Breaux Bridge said that the oil company and labor lobbyists joined hands in support of the bill.

They are being dictated by Washington,” he said.

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