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**SEATING BILLS**

**Legislature to Consider This Redistrict Plan**

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or, whatever his recommendations will be."

The Committee on Affairs of the Senate gave prompt approval following Wednesday's session to Sen. Jesse Knowles, Lake Charles, for his resolution calling on the Legislature to complete action on reapportionment within the first 21 days of the session.

NOT MANDATORY

Sen. E. W. Gravolet, Pointe-a-Plache, chairman, observed the resolution is permissive and not mandatory.

The apparent administration bill is co-authored by Sens. Jamar Adcock, Monroe; Dudley J. LeBlanc, Abbeville; Michael H. Eagan, Eagan; James J. O'Keefe, Bogalusa; and Sen. Adcock and O'Keefe are floor leaders for McKeithen, and LeBlanc, a close friend of the governor, was chairman of the legislative committee on reapportionment.


The Moliere plan, which he says is based "essentially, almost primarily" on the federal census of 1960 (which the Constitution, clearly, requires) differs sharply with the administration plan.

Also at variance is the plan offered by Sen. Harvey Peltier, Thibodaux, with co-authors Friedman, a veteran senator from Caddo, and Roy McKeithen, and LeBlanc.

Regardless of which plan is adopted, Mouton's Lafayette district would remain as it is now under all three, as would the St. Landry district for Fontenot.

**PREFERENCE SEEN**

Davis and Rogers, who signed the Moliere bill, apparently prefer the provision for the Caddo-DeSoto area to the administration proposal of two senators for Caddo, and combining DeSoto with Claiborne, Bienville and Red River Parishes. Davis is from Caddo, but Rogers is from DeSoto Parish.

Friedman, a veteran senator from Natchitoches Parish, would remain as it is now under the administration plan, and give it three with St. Charles added to the new district. The Peltier plan would allot two senators to Jefferson.

Essentially, other features of the Peltier plan call for five senatorial districts in Orleans, the first being a three-senator district. The plan would allot one additional senator to Wards Three, Four and Five, pitting O'Keefe, a Fourth Ward resident, against Sen. Charles E. Deichmann, a Third Warder. It is reported, however, Deichmann will not seek re-election.

The Peltier plan also would create a district of the Seventh Ward, cutting off precincts bordering the river and adjacent to the river, another district of Wards Six and Seven, and a fifth district of Wards Eight and Nine, one from a district including Wards Two, Six and 15.

**PROPOSED BY LT. GOV. C. C. AYCOCK, SPEAKER VAIL DELONY**

The apparent administration proposal of two senators the Peltier plan calls for five senatorial districts of Wards Twenty and Nine, and one from a district including Wards Two, Six and 15.

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Completion in 21 Days Urged

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BATON ROUGE, La. — The Louisiana Senate Wednesday got grist for its reapportionment mill with three bills—all at variance—introduced, and committee approval of a resolution urging completion in 21 days.

The heralded administration bill was dropped in the hopper unchanged from the recommendations made by Lt. Gov. C. C. Aycock and House Speaker Vail Delony.

Meanwhile the Senate took off, adjourning until 5:30 p.m. Monday for a long weekend.

Returning, the Senate still must face the main issue of the

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session—a plan of redistricting which will meet approval of the federal courts.

Gov. John J. McKeithen told The Times-Picayune Wednesday that the administration will back up the lieutenant governor.

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