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4 MARKUP OF

5 H.R. 5512, THE DIVISIONAL REALIGNMENT ACT OF 2012; AND

6 H.R. 4377, THE RESPONSIBLY AND PROFESSIONALLY INVIGORATING

7 DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2012

8 Wednesday, May 16, 2012

9 House of Representatives

10 Committee on the Judiciary

11 Washington, D.C.

12 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 12:20 p.m., in  
13 Room 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Lamar Smith  
14 [chairman of the committee] presiding.

15 Present: Representatives Smith, Conyers, Scott, and  
16 Watt.

17           Staff Present: Richard Hertling, Majority Staff  
18 Director and Chief Counsel; Travis Norton, Majority  
19 Parliamentarian; Sarah Kish, Clerk; Perry Apelbaum, Minority  
20 Staff Director; Danielle Brown, Minority Parliamentarian;  
21 and James Park, Minority Counsel.

22           Chairman Smith. The Judiciary Committee will come to  
23 order.

24           Without objection, the chair is authorized to declare a  
25 recess of the committee at any time. The clerk will call  
26 the roll to establish a quorum.

27           Oh, no. The clerk will suspend with that.

28           Pursuant to notice, I call up H.R. 5512 for purposes of  
29 markup, and the clerk will report the bill.

30           Ms. Kish. H.R. 5512, to amend Title 28 --

31           Chairman Smith. Without objection, the bill is  
32 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

33           [The information follows:]

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35 Chairman Smith. Without objection, I will make my  
36 opening statement a part of the record and will recognize  
37 the ranking member for his opening statement.

38 [The information follows:]

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40           Mr. Conyers. Mr. Chairman, this is a noncontroversial  
41 measure, reorganizing two Federal judicial districts in the  
42 Eastern District of Missouri and the Northern District of  
43 Mississippi. This realignment is bipartisan. And under the  
44 measure, two counties in the Eastern District of Missouri  
45 will be shifted from the Eastern Division to its  
46 Southeastern Division.

47           I urge support and put the rest of my statement in the  
48 record.

49           [The information follows:]

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51 Chairman Smith. Thank you, Mr. Conyers.

52 Are there other Members who wish to be heard on this  
53 bill?

54 If not, those in favor, say aye.

55 Opposed, no.

56 The ayes have it, and the bill is ordered reported  
57 favorably.

58 Without objection, the bill will be reported as a single  
59 amendment in the nature of a substitute, incorporating  
60 amendments adopted. And staff is authorized to make  
61 technical and conforming changes. Members will have 2 days  
62 to submit views.

63 [The information follows:]

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65 Chairman Smith. I thank the Members for their  
66 attendance. I thank the ranking member for his cooperation.

67 And this was a very noncontroversial technical bill, but  
68 for the sake of a couple of States who were involved and the  
69 Members from those States, I was glad we were able to get it  
70 done so quickly.

71 We stand adjourned.

72 [Whereupon, at 12:22 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]