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Mr. Lynch spoke in favor of the Senate Minority Caucus map's proposed District 35-R as it makes most sense for Petersburg to be connected to Sitka.
Ms. Marvin spoke in favor of the Senate Minority Caucus map's proposed District 35-R for the following reasons:

1. It is good to maintain continuity as the districts are right now. There are not any significant injustices to the way the district is currently mapped.

2. Petersburg is closest to the Wrangell community in terms of travel, school, etc.

3. It makes sense to keep the small and mid-size communities (i.e. Petersburg, Sitka, Wrangell, Kake) together as they have similar needs from state government. Economically, these islands are similar (logging, fishing).

4. Petersburg is against cruise ships, and it would not make sense to pair Petersburg with Ketchikan or Juneau where it is heavily dependent on cruise ships as economic drivers.

5. Petersburg tends to do more travel and business with Sitka and Prince of Wales than they do with Juneau or Ketchikan through the fishing industry.
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Ms. Taiber spoke in favor of District 35-R [Senate Minority Map] for the reasons that have been stated by Ms. Marvin.
Ms. Trembley reaffirmed the support for the Senate Minority Caucus map's proposed District 35-R as it makes the most sense for their region and ensures that the needs of the community are well-represented. Ms. Trembley expressed worry that the other proposed maps would disproportionately represent Petersburg as a smaller community in relation to larger areas.