

*Remarks for the
Special Session Press Conference
October 23, 2001*

Today, I am calling for a special session on congressional redistricting. This session will begin at noon on Thursday, November 1.

I have spoken today with the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor about this date, and they are in agreement on it

The legislative committees have worked and researched for six months to put together a congressional redistricting plan. I believe 174 members of the legislature can draw a plan that is fair and representative of our people, rather than abdicate this responsibility to the federal courts.

I am calling this session today to provide the committee with some extra time, in the event they need it.

Many Americans have fought and died for representation. Many have died for the right to vote. We can and must preserve this right granted by our founding fathers.

I'll be glad to take any questions you may have.