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I wish to support the first report submitted by the Electoral Boundaries Commission, and I do not wish to take up more time than is necessary thus I will submit my concerns in bullet form.

- The Premier of Nova Scotia and Attorney General of Nova Scotia interfered with the Independent Electoral Boundaries Commission mandate.
- The terms of the mandate were set in such a way as to purposely force several non NDP ridings to be removed.
- How and where did the NDP obtain the (25%) variance in riding size?
- In 1992 and 2002 the riding of Clare was saved by using arguments from a 1991 Supreme Court of Canada ruling, is the provincial law overturning this ruling? Is the province opening itself to a costly and unnecessary lawsuit?
- The only three people I know who were against the Electoral Boundaries Commission first report were, the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Attorney General of Nova Scotia and the committee member that resigned.
- Hundreds of people turned out to protest the second report.
- The third report has not been presented directly to all the communities affected, but one of the commission members had written a dissenting view. The Premier has appeared to see this dissenting view as a political move. I argue that the removing of the minority ridings is equally a political move.
- Is this the first step to remove the Municipality of Clare by forcing it to merge with Digby in a few years?
- How is merging Clare-Digby or Clare with another group improving the economic situation of the area?
- Clare is just not another provincial riding, it is a cultural and historic community born from the deportation of 1755. By merging Clare with another riding, the heart of the Acadian culture is being torn out of Nova Scotia.

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