CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus, comprising:

first and second completion joints threadably engaged to form a pin and box connection therebetween, each completion joint including a base pipe and a shunt tube disposed along the base pipe and each completion joint including a shunt tube support member supporting an end of the shunt tube;

a jumper tube coupling the shunt tube of the first completion joint to the shunt tube of the second completion joint; and

a first jumper tube support member coupled to the base pipe of the first or second completion joint to support the jumper tube at a position longitudinally between the respective shunt tube support members of the first and second completion joints, wherein the first jumper tube support member is adjustably positionable along the base pipe of the first or second completion joint and selectively lockable thereon to support the jumper tube at the position between the respective shunt tube support members of the first and second completion joints.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first support member is slidably coupled about the base pipe of the first or second completion joint and longitudinally displaceable to support the jumper tube at the position between the respective shunt tubes of the first and second completion joints.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first support member includes a locking device configured to lock the first support member at the position between the respective shunt tubes of the first and second completion joints.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first support member is generally tubular in shape and includes a pair of longitudinal grooves formed in an exterior surface thereof.

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5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the first support member includes at least one retainer configured to retain the jumper tubes in the longitudinal grooves.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first support member includes a hinge and is couplable to the base pipe of the first or second completion joint after the respective base pipes of the first and second completion joints have been threadably engaged to form a pin and box connection.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tubular sliding shroud disposed about one of the first and second completion joints and adapted to slide longitudinally to a run-in position, wherein, in the run-in position, the tubular sliding shroud is disposed about the jumper tube and respective portions of the first and second completion joints, thereby covering the jumper tube.

8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first and second completion joints each include a tubular outer shroud disposed about respective portions of the shunt tube and the base pipe.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein respective portions of the base pipes and the shunt tubes that are longitudinally disposed between the tubular outer shrouds of the first and second completion joints are covered by the tubular sliding shroud when the tubular sliding shroud is placed in the run-in position.

10. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second support member coupled to the base pipe of the first or second completion joint and configured to support the shunt tube.

11. A method for making up a connection between first and second completion joints, the method comprising:

providing the first and second completion joints, each completion joint including a base pipe, a shunt tube disposed along the base pipe, and a fixed shunt tube support member supporting the shunt tube and a fixed shroud radially outward from the base pipe;

coupling the respective base pipes of the first and second completion joints to form a joint therebetween;

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coupling the shunt tube of the first completion joint to the shunt tube of the second completion joint using a jumper tube;

sliding a first jumper tube support member along a base pipe from adjacent a fixed shunt tube support to adjacent the joint; and

supporting the jumper tube with the jumper tube support member at a position longitudinally between the respective shunt tubes of the first and second completion joints.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein supporting the jumper tube at the position longitudinally between the respective shunt tubes of the first and second completion joints using the first jumper tube support member comprises:

sliding the first jumper tube support member longitudinally along the base pipe of the first or second completion joint to the position between the respective shunt tubes of the first and second completion joints.

13. The method of claim 11, further comprising adjusting the position of the first jumper tube support member along the base pipe of the first or second completion joint and securing the position of the first jumper tube support member between the respective shunt tubes of the first and second completion joints, wherein securing the position of the first jumper tube support member comprises locking the first jumper tube support member at the position between the respective shunt tubes of the first and second completion joints using a locking device.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the first jumper tube support member is generally tubular in shape and includes a pair of longitudinal grooves formed in an exterior surface thereof.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the first jumper tube support member includes at least one retainer configured to retain the jumper tubes in the longitudinal grooves.

16. The method of claim 11, wherein the first jumper tube support member includes a hinge; ~~andwherein~~ and wherein supporting the jumper tube at the position longitudinally between the respective shunt tubes of the first and second completion joints using the first jumper tube support member comprises:

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coupling the first jumper tube support member to the base pipe of the first or second completion joint after the respective base pipes of the first and second completion joints have been threadably engaged to form ~~the~~ a pin and box connection.

17. The method of claim 11, further comprising sliding a tubular sliding shroud disposed about one of the first and second completion joints longitudinally to a run-in position, wherein, in the run-in position, the tubular sliding shroud is disposed about the jumper tube and respective portions of the first and second completion joints, thereby covering the jumper tube.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the first and second completion joints each include a tubular outer shroud disposed about respective portions of the shunt tube and the base pipe.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein respective portions of the base pipes and the shunt tubes that are longitudinally disposed between the tubular outer shrouds of the first and second completion joints are covered by the tubular sliding shroud when the tubular sliding shroud is placed in the run-in position.

20. The method of claim 11, wherein the first and second completion joints each include a second support member coupled to the base pipe and configured to support the shunt tube.

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