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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower. The Senate was in session longer than expected which delayed the start of the meeting; Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood, and Young

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the order of business for the Education Committee:

- Adoption of October 19, 2011, minutes
- SB 637 Sen. Kahn Education; school districts; public school students to recite the "Pledge of Allegiance"; mandate.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 19, 2011, committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 637. On behalf of Senator Kahn, as the bill sponsor, Jon Cool gave members a brief explanation of the bill and substitute language before the members.

Douglas Williams, Legislative Affairs Chairman, representing the American Legion, Marine Corps League and Commanders Group, spoke in support of the bill.

Patrick Lafferty, State Adjutant at the American Legion Department of Michigan, joined Mr. Williams to offer additional remarks and answer questions.

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Being no further testimony, Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 637.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood, and Young

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:43 p.m.

Date Approved: November 9, 2011

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.