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SENATOR NOFS  
SENATOR GREGORY,  
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**SENATOR JUDY EMMONS, CHAIR**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Families, Seniors, and Human Services Committee was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 3:03 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs, Gregory

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Emmons announced the order of business:

- SB 218 Sen. Emmons Children; adoption; department designee to consent to adoption; allow.
- SB 219 Sen. Jansen Children; guardians; Michigan children's institute superintendent's consent authority; expand to include consent for guardianships.
- SB 220 Sen. Emmons Children; guardians; Michigan children's institute superintendent's designee to consent to guardianship; allow.

Senator Nofs motioned to adopt the minutes of March 2, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Dave Biswas, Legislative Aide to Senator Emmons, gave verbal testimony explaining the package of bills SB218, sponsored by Senator Emmons; SB219, sponsored by Senator Jansen; and SB220, sponsored by Senator Emmons.

Department of Human Services Director Maura Corrigan gave verbal testimony in support of SB218, SB219, and SB220. Director Corrigan then answered questions from committee members.

Supreme Court Justice MaryBeth Kelly gave verbal testimony in support of SB218, SB219, and SB220. Justice Kelly then answered questions from committee members.

Bill Kandler representing the Michigan Probate Judges Association submitted a testimony card and written testimony in support of SB218, SB219, and SB220 but did not wish to speak.

Senator Rocca motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, to report SB218 with recommendation.

Yeas: Emmons, Rocca, Nofs, Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Rocca motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, to give SB218 immediate effect.  
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Rocca, to report SB219 with recommendation.

Yeas: Emmons, Rocca, Nofs, Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, to give SB219 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Rocca motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, to report SB220 with recommendation.

Yeas: Emmons, Rocca, Nofs, Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory motioned, supported by Senator Rocca, to give SB220 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: April 13, 2011

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