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SENATOR JUDY EMMONS, CHAIR

MINUTES
September 12, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Chairwoman Emmons, Sen. (s) Rocca, Nofs and Gregory.

Excused: NONE

Absent: NONE

A quorum was established.

The chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 18, 2012 meeting. Senator Rocca so moved. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Chairwoman Emmons announced the order of business:

Agenda:

- SB 1232 (Sen. Emmons) Children; adoption; Michigan Indian family preservation act (MIFPA); create.

Judge Tim Connor, Michigan Judges Association, and Homer Mandoka, Tribal Council Chairman for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, explained SB 1232 and then answered questions from committee members.

Chairwoman Emmons allowed verbal testimony from the following people concerning SB 1232. They then answered questions for the committee:

- Steve Yager, Department of Human Services (DHS) – Support in concept
- Stacey Tadgerson, DHS – Support in concept
- Christine McPherson, Bay Mills Indian Community – Support with changes
- Honorable Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Michigan Indian Judicial Association – Support

The following people submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, in support of SB 1232:

- Kathryn Fort, Indigenous Law and Policy Center of Michigan State University of Law
- Cami Pendell, Michigan Judges Association
- Sam Boumis, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

- Jean Doss, Michigan's Children

Being no further business before the Committee, Chairwoman Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:50 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: September 19, 2012

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