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HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

SENATOR JIM MARLEAU, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 2:35 p.m. in the Boji Tower, Senate Hearing Room.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Marleau (C), Robertson, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Gleason

Absent: None

Excused: Emmons, Warren

Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- SB 230 Marleau - Torts; liability; liability of volunteer drivers of seniors, disabled, and low-income individuals; provide immunity. (Pending Referral - Testimony Only)
- SB 17 Sen. Jones - Health; pharmaceuticals; formation of medicinal marihuana clubs or operation of medical marihuana bars; prohibit.

Senator Roberts moved, supported by Senator Gleason, to adopt the Health Policy Committee Minutes of January 20, 2011. The motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Jones bill sponsor of SB17 gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Senator Jones then answered questions from committee members.

Tim Beck representing the Michigan Association of Compassion Centers gave verbal testimony in support of the concept of SB17. Mr. Beck then answered questions from committee members.

Gershon Avery representing medical marijuana gave verbal testimony opposed to SB17. Mr. Avery then answered questions from committee members.

Rick Thompson representing Michigan Medical Marijuana Magazine gave verbal testimony opposed to SB17. Mr. Thompson then answered questions from committee members.

Greg Pawlowski representing Patient Caregiver Connection gave verbal testimony opposed to SB17. Mr. Pawlowski then answered questions from committee members.

Jeremy Rupinski representing Genesee County Compassion Club gave verbal testimony opposed to SB17. Mr. Rupinski then answered questions from committee members.

Michigan's Attorney General Bill Schuette submitted a testimony card in support of the concept of SB17 but did not wish to speak.

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Senator Jones motioned, supported by Senator Hune, that the committee adopt Senate Substitute S-1 to SB17.

Yeas: Marleau, Robertson, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker

Nays: None

Pass: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jones motioned, supported by Senator Schuitmaker, that the committee report SB17 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Marleau, Robertson, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker

Nays: None

Pass: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jones motioned, supported by the body, to give SB17 S-1 immediate effect.

The motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Marleau bill sponsor of SB230 gave a verbal testimony explaining the bill. Senator Marleau then answered questions from committee members.

Mike Daley and Linda Romanowski representing the Oakland County Community Mental Health Freedom Road Transportation gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB230. Mr. Daley and Ms. Romanowski then answered questions from committee members.

Wayne Miller representing the Michigan Association for Justice gave verbal and written testimony neutral to SB230. Mr. Miller then answered questions from committee members.

Steven Galbraith representing the State Bar Negligence Section gave verbal testimony neutral to SB230. Mr. Galbraith then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Marleau motioned, supported by the body, to excuse Senator Emmons and Senator Warren from committee. The motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: May 5, 2011

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