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## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 2:31 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 100.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Hune (C), Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, Bieda

Excused: Marleau

Senator Smith motioned, to adopt the minutes from the July 13, 2011 meeting. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB 298 Sen. Smith Insurance; other; practitioners who employ, use, or act as a runner, capper, or steerer to falsely or fraudulently obtain benefits; prohibit as fraudulent act.

Senator Smith, sponsor, spoke on SB 298.

Senator Hune welcomed Teri Morante from the Michigan Office on Financial and Insurance Reform who spoke in support of the bill.

Senator Hune noted that testimony cards in support of the bill had been turned in by:

- Carol Hutchinson, Farmers Insurance
- Mike Frederick, Mid Michigan Health
- George Carr, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America
- Amy Mass, Citizens Insurance Company

Senator Hune called Scott Hummel from the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, who was neutral on the bill, to the stand to answer questions.

A motion was made by Senator Brandenburg to excuse absent members. Without objection absent members were excused.

Senator Smith motioned to adopt the Substitute S-1 to SB 298.

Yeas: Hune, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Smith motioned to report SB 298 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith, Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bieda motioned to give SB 298 S-1 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:49 p.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: October 11, 2011**

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