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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda
Members excused: None

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones gave welcoming remarks to the committee members and audience and announced the order of business for the day.

Adopt the Committee Rules

SB 19	Sen. Jones	Crimes; disorderly conduct; penalties for disrupting a religious service; increase.
SB 22	Sen. Schuitmaker	Probate; trusts; uniform statutory rule against perpetuities; revise to reflect limitation of the personal property trust perpetuities act to certain property.
SB 23	Sen. Schuitmaker	Probate; trusts; personal property trust perpetuities act; limit application to certain property.
SB 53	Sen. Marleau	Civil procedure; evidence; introduction of evidence of an expression of sympathy as an admission of liability in a civil action; prohibit.

Senator Jones further outlined upcoming priorities for the committee.

Senator Rocca moved to adopt the Senate Committee on Judiciary rules. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)
Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones laid before the committee Senate Bill 19 (Sen. Jones).

Senator Jones testified in explanation of the bill. Senator Jones then answered questions from fellow committee members.

Sargent Dwayne Gill, representing the Michigan State Police, was neutral on the bill and did not wish to testify.

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 19 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

The committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones laid before the committee Senate Bills 22 and 23 (Sen. Schuitmaker).

Senator Schuitmaker, along with her guest James Spica from Greenleaf Trust, testified in explanation of her bills. Senator Schuitmaker and Mr. Spica then answered question from the committee.

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 22 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

The committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 23. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 23 (S-1) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

The committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones laid before the committee Senate Bill 53 (Sen. Marleau).

Senator Marleau, along with his guest Richard Boothman of the University of Michigan Health System, testified in explanation of Senator Marleau's bill. Senator Marleau and Mr. Boothman then answered questions from the committee.

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 53:

Chris Mitchell, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association—Support

Bill Flory, representing the Michigan Association for Justice—Support

Lynn Weimeister, representing Beaumont Hospitals—Support

Colin Ford, representing the Michigan State Medical Society—Support

Kevin McKinney, representing the Michigan Osteopathic Association—Support

Bill Sullivan, representing the Michigan Dental Association—Support

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 53 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

The committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 2:57 p.m.

2/1/2011
Date Approved by Committee