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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

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

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

Approval of Minutes

Presentation from Attorney General Bill Schuette

SB 542 Sen. Emmons Torts; liability; personal injury or property damage caused by propane gas equipment or appliances; provide protection from liability.

For Testimony Only:

SB 694 Sen. Casperson Children; parental rights; probate court jurisdiction to terminate parental rights of a parent who commits a criminal offense against a child; provide for.

SB 890 Sen. Jones Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; placement on the public registry; remove certain exceptions.

SB 934 Sen. Jones Crimes; criminal sexual conduct; sexual penetration or contact of a foster child regardless of age by certain care providers; prohibit during residency.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the minutes from February 7, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 542 (Sen. Emmons). Senator Jones announced that there was a substitute under consideration for Senate Bill 542. Senator Jones explained the bill and substitute to committee members.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 542 and answered questions from the committee members:

- Cynthia Maher, representing the Michigan Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 542:

- Bill Flory, representing the Michigan Association for Justice—Neutral
- Derek Dalling, representing the Michigan Propane Gas Association—Support

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the S-3 Substitute to Senate Bill 542. 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, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 542 (S-3) 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, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Schuitmaker moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 542 (S-3). Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones called forth Attorney General Bill Schuette to give a presentation to committee members. Attorney General Schuette then answered questions from committee members. Attorney General Schuette also submitted written documents on file with the clerk.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 694 (Sen. Casperson) for testimony. Senator Casperson explained the bill to committee members.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 694 and answered questions from the committee members:

- Karen Bahrman, Alger County Prosecuting Attorney—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Susan Belfry, Citizen—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Stacie Bladen and Steve Yager, representing the Department of Human Services/Administration—Concerns with the bill as introduced
- Mary Lovik, representing the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention & Treatment Board—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)

- Lorraine Brooks, Citizen—Oppose
- Tim, representing the Coalition for a Useful Registry—Oppose

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 694:

- Bill Kandler, representing the Michigan Probate Judges Association—Oppose as written (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Kathy Hagman, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence—Oppose

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 890 (Sen. Jones) for testimony. Senator Jones explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 890 and answered questions from the committee members:

- Chris Hawkins, representing the Michigan State Police—Neutral
- Tim, representing the Coalition for a Useful Registry—Oppose
- Charles Peltier, Citizen—Oppose
- Dana Schwartzenfeld, Citizen—Oppose

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 890:

- Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Oppose

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 934 (Sen. Jones) for testimony. Senator Jones explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 934:

- Kathy Hagman, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence—Support
- Chris Hawkins, representing the Michigan State Police—Neutral

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 3:43 p.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

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