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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 16, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms, Restructuring, and Reinventing was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, in rooms 402-403 of the Capitol Building at 8:30 a.m. Senator Jansen called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson, Young, and Warren

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Jansen welcomed everyone to committee and announced the order of business.

- SB 7 (Jansen) Labor; public service employment; mandated public employee contribution to employer-provider health care benefits; provide for.
- SJR C (Jansen) Retirement; legislative; retirement health care benefits for legislators; eliminate.

Senator Jansen welcomed Charlie Owens representing the National Federation of Independent Business and the Business Reform Coalition. He gave written and oral testimony in support of the SB 7 and SJR C. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 9, 2011 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Wendy Block representing the Michigan Chamber who gave written and oral testimony in support of SB 7. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator Jansen then noted that testimony cards in opposition to the SB 7 and SJR C but not wishing to speak were turned in by: John Buczek representing the Fraternal Order of Police, Mike Migrin representing the MI State Employee Assn., and John Detizio, Executive Director of the MI Assn. of Governmental Employees.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Patrick Kreger, Superintendent of Union City Community Schools who

spoke in opposition to SB 7. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Robert Lefevre from Macomb Intermediate School District, who spoke in support of the concept of SB 7.

There being no questions, Senator Jansen then welcomed Mark Docherty and Chris Reynolds representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union who gave written and oral testimony in opposition to SB 7 and SJR C. Following their testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator Jansen then noted that testimony on the bill and the resolution would continue at a subsequent hearing and those who turned in testimony cards wishing to speak would be able to give testimony at that time.

Those wishing to speak in opposition to SB 7 and SJR C were Ellen Hoekstra representing IUOE Local 324, Mary Pollock representing the MI State Employee Retirees Assn., Ben Bodkin representing the Michigan Association of Counties, who also presented written testimony to the committee, Howard Bunsis of the American Assn. of University Professors Faculty and David Lossing of the University of Michigan- Flint. A card was also turned on SB 7 in by Bill Anderson representing the Michigan Township Assoc. not indicating a position.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:57 a.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: _____**3-23-2011**_____

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