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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES June 29, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, in rooms 402 and 403 of the Capitol Building at 8:30 a.m. Senator Jansen called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent/Excused: none

The Chair entertained a motion by Senator Colbeck to adopt the minutes from the June 22, 2011 committee hearing. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

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

HB 4572 Johnson Public employees and officers; compensation and benefits; cap on public employer contributions to health insurance; create.

Senator Jansen welcomed Lieutenant Governor Calley who spoke in support of the bill.

Senator Jansen read into the record testimony cards of those not wishing to speak.

Oppose: Bob Kopasz, State Employee Retirees Association
Chris Reynolds, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union

Senator Jansen welcomed Representative Johnson who spoke in support of the bill.

Senator Jansen welcomed Dr. Bernard Sullivan from Grand Rapids Public Schools who spoke in support of the bill.

Senator Jansen welcomed Coni Sullivan from Kent Intermediate School District who spoke in support of the bill.

Senator Jansen read into the record testimony cards of those not wishing to speak.

Oppose: Rich Weiler, Michigan Association of Police Organizations
Michael Keller, AFL-CIO

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Senator Jansen recessed the committee at 9:59 a.m.

Senator Jansen reconvened the committee at 2:09 p.m.

At that time, Senators Jansen, Casperson, Young and Warren were in attendance.

Senator Jansen welcomed Mark Docherty from the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union who spoke in opposition to the legislation.

Senator Kowall entered the meeting.

Senator Jansen read into the record testimony cards of those not wishing to speak.

Support: Brian Whiston, Dearborn Public Schools

Oppose: Matt Kurta, Gogebic Community College
Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan
Don Noble, Michigan Education Association

Senator Jansen welcomed John Buczek of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police who spoke in opposition to the bill.

Senator Jansen welcomed Wayne Beerbower from the Police Officers Association of Michigan who spoke in opposition to the bill.

Senator Jansen welcomed Bill Anderson from the Michigan Townships Association who spoke in opposition to the legislation.

Senator Jansen welcomed Ellen Hoekstra from Capitol Services, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324 who spoke in opposition to the bill.

Senator Jansen welcomed Nick Ciaramitaro of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees who spoke in opposition to the bill.

Senator Jansen read into the record the testimony cards of those not wishing to speak.

Oppose: Louise Somalski, American Federation of Teachers
Samantha Harkins, Michigan Municipal League
Ben Bodkin, Michigan Association of Counties

Senator Jansen welcomed Kirk Profit from GCSI representing Washtenaw Community College who spoke on the legislation.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:57 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 9/28/2011

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