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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, in rooms 402 and 403 of the Capitol Building at 12:00 p.m.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Testimony regarding HB 5002.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Sen.(s) Jansen, Casperson, and Kowall, a quorum was not present.

The Chairman invited Mark Caley and John Buczek with the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, Wayne Beerbower with the Police Officers Association of Michigan, Mark Docherty with the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, Chris Luty with the Michigan State Police Troopers Association, and Brian Earle with the Deputy Sheriff Association of Michigan to present testimony opposing the bill.

At 12:15 p.m., Sen. Robertson entered the meeting, a quorum was now present.

The Chairman invited Charles Gauthier to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited Carl Alden with the Michigan Association of Chiropractors to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited John Sims and William Housefield with the Workers Compensation Law Section of the State Bar to present testimony indicating they are neutral on the bill.

The Chairman invited Rob and Craig Anderson with Michigan Farm Bureau to present testimony supporting the bill if amended.

The Chairman invited Tim Hughes with the United Auto Workers to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited Pat Harrington with the Michigan Retail Hardware Association to present testimony supporting the bill.

The Chairman invited Tom Ognisanti and Brian Hyder to present testimony opposing the bill.

At 12:55 p.m., Sen. Young entered the meeting.

The Chairman invited Delaney Newberry with the Michigan Manufacturers Association to present testimony supporting the bill.

The Chairman invited Andrew Nay with Hostetler-Fontaine & Associates to present testimony indicating they are neutral on the bill.

The Chairman invited Barry Adler to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited Murray Gorchow the former Chair of the Workers Compensation Board of Magistrates to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited Michael Czinski a Sumpter Township Police Detective to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited John Charters and Steve Ross to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited Roger Kline and Sherita Odum to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited Allan Studenberg and Mark Fondaw to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited William Borch with Ironworkers Local 25 and Robert MacDonald to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited Ron Sarata with Pipefitters Local 636 to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited Chris Michalakakis with UFCW – MI to present testimony opposing the bill.

The Chairman invited William Fondaw to present testimony opposing the bill.

Next, The Chairman read the cards of those not wishing to testify before the committee into the record:

Support:

Charles Owens, National Federation of Independent Businesses
Linda Gobler, the Michigan Grocers Association
Linsay Case, the Detroit Chamber of Commerce
Tim Hanna, the Self Insured Groups
Dave Jessup, the Small Business Association of Michigan
Chris Fish, the Associated Builders & Contractors
Pamela Galloway, Wayne State University
C. Michael Healy, Ilitch Holdings
Leigh Stepaniak, the Wayne County Airport Authority
Libby Child, citizen
Douglas Green, DTE Energy Company
Tara Albough, Kellogg Company
Steve Ohman, Spectrum Health
Gerald Marcinkoski, Lacey and Jones
Lorraine Cliner, Amway
Wendy Block, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Oppose:

Roberta Cannon, UAW-Retirees
Anita Dawson, UAW
Robert Malcolm Sr., Local 499 Ann Arbor
Andre Turner, Local 499 Ann Arbor
Walter Steele, Laborers Local 499
Leroy Crabtree, IBEW Local 131
Mary Valentino, Former State Representative
Terry Evans, citizen
Jen Weaver, AAUP-AFT Local 6075
Art Luna, International UAW
James C. Harrison, Utility Workers Union of America
William Kogelschatz, IUOE Local 85
Terry Taulbee, Sheet Metal Workers Local 80
Mark Woodward, Roofers Local 70
Larry Tolbent, Heat and Frost Insulators Local 47
Jonathan Bird, Michigan Laborers' District Council
Dan Fingas, citizen
Ellen Hoekstra, IUOE Local 324
Scott Brown, Michigan Laborers
Chris Chwalek, citizen
Adam Knott, citizen
Dave Weisenberg, MPFFU
Jim Bitzer, citizen
Ray Michaels, IBEW Local 665
Phillip Vaughn, BA Ironworkers Local 25
Joseph Simpson, Ironworkers Local 25
Jason Anderson, citizen

Pat Buckley, FOP
Jack O'Donnell, Ironworkers Local 25
Zane Walker, Michigan Building Trades
Philip Hall, MPFFU
Chris Reynolds, MPFFU
William Smith, Grand Rapids Fire Fighters
Shaun Abbey, MPFFU
Steve Heim, MPFFU
Steve Pollok, citizen
Antoine Bell, citizen
Dan Minton, LIUNA Local 499
Robert A. Smith, FOP Lodge 98
Randy Mason, Michigan FOP
Tom Krug, FOP #141-Lansing
Mike Card, Boilermakers Local 169
Nick Ciaramitaro, AFSCME
Deb Bittner, CTU of MSU
Robert Hutsell, Boilermakers Local 169
Michael Roberts, Ann Arbor Local 693
Bill Richardson, MPFFU
Jason Everest, MPFFU
Steve Sociz, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1039
Frantt V. Witehill, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 85
B.P. Weber, citizen
Tina Culver, CWA Local 4009
Janet Kandt-Harris, CWA Local 4008
John Geer, CWA Local 4008
Jelena Cribbsis, CWA Local 4100
Joe Carney, Veterans
Communication Workers of America Local 4034
Regina Meo, citizen
Aileen Pettinger, the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Mike Card, Boilermakers Local 169
Kathleen Goodnow, IBEW Local 58
Matthew Goodnow, IBEW Local 58
Steven Woteil, IBEW Local 58
David Fenimore, IBEW Local 58
Brian Howe, IBEW Local 58
Thomas Gagnon, IBEW Local 58
Jerry Ross, IBEW Local 58
Gerald Gagnon, IBEW Local 58
Jason Wade, IBEW Local 58
Ronald Archibald, IBEW Local 58
Mike Matous, IBEW Local 58
Maria Starr, UAW Retirees
Gerald Fisher, citizen

Tim Scott, citizen

Dave Knieger, citizen

Michael Randnick, Ironworkers Local #25

Michael Piper, Iron Workers Local #25

Earl Hummel, Iron Workers Local #25

Benji Crowner, Laborers LIUNA

Richard Kessler, American Immigration Lawyers Association – Michigan Chapter

The Chairman motioned to excuse absent members, without objection Sen.(s) Colbeck and Warren were excused.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee:

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