



**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**MEMBERS:**

SENATOR PAPPAGEORGE,  
MAJORITY VICE CHAIR  
SENATOR EMMONS  
SENATOR GREGORY,  
MINORITY VICE CHAIR  
SENATOR SMITH

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**SENATOR JOHN MOOLENAAR,  
CHAIRMAN**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 1:14 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Moolenaar (C), Pappageorge, and Emmons

Excused: Gregory and Smith

The Chairman, Senator Moolenaar, led the members and audience of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Senator Moolenaar announced the order of business:

- HB 4284 Rep. Rendon - Crimes; disorderly conduct; certain conduct directed at funeral services; prohibit as disorderly conduct.
- HB 4745 Rep. Damrow - Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of disorderly conduct at a funeral; revise.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, to adopt the minutes of November 8, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Moolenaar announced that testimony had been given on HB4284 and HB4745 at a previous committee hearing that took place on October 11, 2011.

Maria Ostrander, Legislative Aide to Representative Rendon (bill sponsor of HB4284), gave verbal testimony explaining the bill and the Senate Substitute S-2. Ms. Damrow also explained HB4745 sponsored by Representative Damrow.

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The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of HB4284 and HB4745 but did not wish to speak:

Lino Pretto, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart

Doug Williams, representing the American Legion, Marine Corps League, and the Commanders Group

Isabelle Terry, representing herself as a citizen of Michigan

Cana Garrison, representing the Michigan Funeral Directors Association

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Shelli Veisberg, representing the ACLU of Michigan

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee adopt the Senate Substitute S-2 to HB4284.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, and Emmons

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report with recommendation HB4284 S-2.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, and Emmons

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee recommend immediate effect to HB4284 S-2.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report with recommendation HB4745.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, and Emmons

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee recommend immediate effect to HB4745.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, to excuse Senators Gregory and Smith.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Moolenaar adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: February 7, 2012

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