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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda
Members excused: none

Senator Jones called the meeting to order and announced the order of business for the meeting:

SB 211 Sen. Rocca Worker's compensation; disabilities; occupational cancer; provide presumption for certain firefighters regarding.

HB 4127 Rep. Johnson Criminal procedure; probation; GPS bail monitoring of certain offenders; allow.

HB 4177 Rep. Ananich Crimes; homicide; reference to vulnerable adult abuse in first degree murder statute; revise.

Senator Bieda entered the committee room at 2:33 p.m.

Senator Jones placed before the committee House Bill 4177 (Rep. Ananich). Vikki Bayeh Haley, representing Rep. Ananich, explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Bieda moved that House Bill 4177 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, Rocca, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Schuitmaker (1)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that House Bill 4177 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 211 (Sen. Rocca). Senator Rocca explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Schuitmaker entered the committee room at 2:44 p.m.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 211 and answered questions from committee members:

- Mark Docherty, Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union (MPFFU)—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Oppose
- Samantha Harkins & Mike Forstner, Michigan Municipal League—Oppose
- Steve Pollok, Michigan Association for Justice—Support

Senator Schuitmaker left the committee room at 2:50 p.m.

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on Senate Bill 211:

- Glen Scafidi, Trenton Fire Fighters—Support
- Mark Morrall, Lansing Fire Fighters/International Association of Fire Fighters Local 421—Support
- Chris Lake, Lansing Fire Fighters/International Association of Fire Fighters Local 421—Support
- Jim Leve, MPFFU—Support
- Jeff McAlvey, Michigan Insurance Coalition—Oppose
- Pete Kuhnmuensch, Insurance Institute of Michigan—Oppose
- Wendy Block, Michigan Chamber of Commerce—Oppose
- Kristen Kraft, Accident Fund Insurance Company of America—Oppose
- Dusty Fancher, Michigan Council of Self Insured Groups—Oppose
- Amanda Fisher, National Federation of Independent Businesses—Oppose
- Curtis Holt, City of Wyoming—Oppose

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 211 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, Rocca, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Schuitmaker (1)

Senator Rocca moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 211 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee House Bill 4127 (Rep. Johnson) for testimony only. Ben Frederick, staff to Representative Johnson, and Victor Fitz, Cass County Prosecutor, explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on House Bill 4127 and answered questions from committee members:

- Jeff Kirkpatrick, JSG Monitoring—Support (with amendment)

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on House Bill 4127:

- Nell Kuhnmuensch, Michigan District Judges Association—Support (as passed the House)
- Brandon Mauro, Citizens Bail Coalition—Neutral (unless surety bonding was an option in these cases, then support)
- Dusty Fancher, 3M Electronic Monitoring—Support
- Elise Lancaster, Satellite Tracking of People—Support

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from April 16, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 3:19 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: April 30, 2013

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