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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., and attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 9, 2014 meeting. Sen. Bieda so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman summarized SB 1036 for the committee.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 1036:

- Gail Krieger, MI Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board – Support
- Kathy Hagenian, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence – Support

The Chairman moved to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 1036. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to report SB 1036 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 1036 (S-1). Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Sen. Pappageorge to summarize SB 987, SB 988, and SB 989 for the committee.

The Chairman moved to report SB 987 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 987. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman moved to report SB 988 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 988. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman moved to report SB 989 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 989. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Sen. Bieda to summarize SB 980 for the committee.

The Chairman summarized SB 981 for the committee.

The following individuals provided testimony before the committee regarding SB 980 and SB 981:

- James J. Harrington III, Family Law Section – Supports SB 981
- Merrill Gordon, representing himself – Opposes SB 981
- Rebecca Shiemke, Michigan Poverty Law Program/Family Law Section – Support
- Hon. Richard Halloran, Family Law Section SBM – Support
- Ashley Lowe, representing herself – Supports SB 981
- Kathy Hagenian, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence – Support
- Patrick M. Clawson, representing himself – Supports SB 980
- Joe Baumann, SCAO – Neutral

The following individuals submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak regarding SB 980 and SB 981:

- Mary Lovik, MI Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board – Support

The Chairman moved to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 980. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to report SB 980 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

Abstain: Sen. Schuitmaker

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 980 (S-1). Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Sen. Bieda to speak regarding his proposed amendment to SB 981.

The Chairman moved to adopt the Jones Amendment to SB 981. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the Bieda Amendment to SB 981. Sen. Bieda so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 981 as amended to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Bieda so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

Abstain: Sen. Schuitmaker

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 981 as amended. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

The Chairman invited John Manor, from Rep. Zorn's office, to summarize HB 4545 for the committee.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HB 4545:

- Bill Byers & Scott Suverink, Michigan Towing Association – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak regarding HB 4545::

- Tom Manning, State Farm Insurance – Support
- Dwayne L. Gill, Michigan State Police – Support

The Chairman moved to adopt the (S-2) substitute to HB 4545. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to report HB 4545 (S-2) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for HB 4545 (S-2). Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Rep. Rogers and Bob Brookins, former Chief at Green Oak Township, to summarize HB 5246 for the committee.

The Chairman moved to report HB 5246 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for HB 5246. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: 9/23/2014

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