



THE SENATE

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 in Rooms 402 and 403 of the capitol building, at 8:30 a.m.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Reported SB 387 with recommendation and immediate effect.
 - 2) Reported SB 427 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect.
 - 3) Reported SB 541 with recommendation and immediate effect.
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Jansen, Sen.(s) Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson and Warren, a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Colbeck, seconded by Senator Kowall, to adopt the minutes from the September 25, 2013 committee meeting, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson and Warren.

Nays: None

The minutes were adopted.

Senator Young arrived at 8:33 a.m.

The Chairman read the cards of those not wishing to present testimony before the committee regarding SB 387.

Bill Flory, Michigan Association for Justice – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion from Senator Casperson to report SB 387 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Senator Kowall, supported by Senator Casperson, to recommend immediate effect for SB 387. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman read the cards of those not wishing to present testimony before the committee regarding SB 427.

Sue Benson, Michigan Association of Professional Landmen – Support
Mike Haines and Frank Mortl, Michigan Oil & Gas Association – Support
Robin Norton, LARA – Support
Mike Frederick, St. Mary’s Cement Company – Support

At 8:35 a.m., the Chairman invited Senator Walker to respond to questions regarding SB 427 for the committee.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Kowall, supported by Senator Robertson, to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 427.

Yeas: Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson, Young and Warren
Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Casperson, supported by Senator Robertson, to report SB 427 (S-1) with the recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson, Young and Warren
Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson, supported by Senator Colbeck, to recommend immediate effect for SB 427 (S-1).

Yeas: Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson, Young and Warren
Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

At 8:42 a.m., the Chairman invited Senator Caswell to summarize SB 541, SB 542, SB 543, SB 544, and SB 545 for the committee.

The Chairman read the cards of those not wishing to provide testimony before the committee regarding SB 541, SB 542, SB 543, SB 544, and SB 545.

Ellen Hoekstra, AFT Michigan and IUOE Local 324 – Support
Ben Bodkin, Michigan Association of Counties – Support
Tobi Lake, Newaygo County – Support
Samantha Harkins, MML – Support
Judy Allen, Michigan Township Association – Support
Noah Smith, Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems - Support
Christina Canfield, MEA – Supports SB 541, SB 542, SB 543
Don Wotruba, Michigan Association of School Boards – Supports SB 542, SB 543
Brad Biladeau, MASA – Supports SB 541, SB 544

At 8:50 a.m., the Chairman invited Kim Rhead, from the Municipal Employee Retirement System, to provide testimony regarding SB 541. Mr. Rhead is in support of SB 541, SB 542, SB 543, SB 544, and SB 545.

The Chairman invited Senator Caswell to respond to questions from the committee regarding SB 542 and SB 543.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson, supported by Senator Casperson, to report SB 541 with the recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson to recommend immediate effect for SB 541.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson, supported by Senator Kowall, to report SB 542 with the recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Jansen (C), Casperson, Kowall, Robertson and Warren

Nays: Senator Colbeck

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 542.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Kowall to report SB 543 with the recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Senators Jansen (C), Casperson, Kowall, Robertson and Warren

Nays: Senator Colbeck

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 543.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Colbeck, supported by Senator Kowall, to report SB 544 with the recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 544, supported by Senator Colbeck.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Colbeck, supported by Senator Casperson, to report SB 545 with the recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for SB 545, supported by Senator Robertson.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Young

The motion prevailed.

At 9:01 a.m., Senator Caswell was invited to speak again to clarify statements he had previously made.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

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

Date Adopted by Committee: 10/09/2013