

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY
REFORM**

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, in rooms 402 / 403 of the Capitol Building at 1:00 pm.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter and Jacobs
Excused: Senator Allen

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

Senate Bill 1091 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.
Senate Bill 0492 - Reported the (S-1) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.
House Bill 5200 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.
House Bill 5201 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.
Senate Bill 0185 - Reported the (S-1) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.

The meeting had been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., but was delayed until 1:28 p.m. as session ran long. The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of December 2, 2009. A motion was offered by Senator Richardville, support given by Senator Thomas, and the members approved the minutes by a vote of 4 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the minutes from the 12-02-09 meeting:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, and Thomas
Nays: None

The Chair began by taking testimony on Senate Bill 1091.

Senate Bill 1091 introduced by Senator Sanborn; Occupations; professional investigators; persons exempt from professional investigator licensure act; expand to include certified public accountants and public accounting firms.

Amy Maxwell, of Senator Sanborn's office, gave opening remarks providing background on the legislation.

Tom Martin, on behalf of the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

John Lindley, with the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, offered testimony in writing and gave the members the opportunity to ask any questions they had.

Val Vail-Shirey, representing the Michigan Council of Professional Investigators, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to offer any remarks.

Being no further testimony, Senator Thomas made a motion to report Senate Bill 1091 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report SB 1091 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Jacobs. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Hunter and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for SB 1091:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

The Chair then turned the members attention to Senate Bill 492.

Senate Bill 492 introduced by Senator George; Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; definition of eligible activities; revise.

As the sponsor of the measure, Senator George offered a brief background on the bill.

Jerome Kisscorni, with the City of Kalamazoo, provided testimony on the need for this legislation.

Senator Sanborn made the motion to adopt the S-1 version of SB 492. Senator Richardville offered support and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 492:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals offered testimony cards to indicate their position on the bill but did not wish to offer testimony:

- Brian Kandler, on behalf of the Detroit Regional Chamber, in support
- Andy Schor, with the Michigan Municipal League, in support
- Erik Hingst, representing the City of Grand Rapids, in support

Karl Dorshimer, representing the Lansing Brownfield Authority, offered testimony supporting the bill.

Tim Dempsey, with the City of East Lansing, testified to share their support for the bill.

Being no further testimony, Senator Thomas then made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 492 with the committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report the S-1 version of SB 492 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Thomas. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for the S-1 version of SB 492:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

The Chair then turned the members' attention to House Bills 5200-5201.

House Bill 5200 introduced by Representative Haugh; Occupations; real estate; submission to department regarding promotional sale of out-of-state lands exempt from land sales act; eliminate.

House Bill 5201 introduced by Representative Haugh; Property; land sales; land sales act; repeal.

Tom Martin from the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, submitted a card indicating their support for the bills.

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, submitted a card indicating they were neutral on the measures.

Patrick Clawson, an individual from Flint, Michigan, offered testimony regarding the history of the original legislation and indicated he did not support the bills that would repeal this statute.

Questions and discussion followed. Tom Martin addressed the members to answer questions.

Being no further testimony, Senator Sanborn made a motion to report House Bill 5200 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Jacobs and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report HB 5200 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Jacobs. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for HB 5200:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

Senator Hunter made a motion to report House Bill 5201 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report HB 5201 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Gilbert. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Jacobs and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for HB 5201:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

The Chair moved to the final item on the day's agenda.

Senate Bill 185 introduced by Senator Garcia; Housing; landlord and tenants; early lease termination; allow for certain victims of domestic assault.

As the sponsor of the measure, Senator Garcia gave remarks on the background of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted cards on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Tabitha Zimny, on behalf of the Apartment Association of Michigan, neutral on the bill
- Tabitha Zimny, for the Rental Property Owners Association of Michigan, neutral
- Brad Ward, with the Michigan Association of Realtors, neutral
- Mia McNeil, from the Property Management Association of Michigan, neutral
- Stephanie Johnson, for the MI Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, supporting

Rebecca Shiemke, with the Michigan Advocacy Project, spoke in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Being no further testimony, Senator Gilbert made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 185. Support was offered by Senator Jacobs, and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the S-1 version of SB 185:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

Senator Hunter followed with a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 185 with the committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Report the S-1 version of SB 185 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Richardville. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Jacobs and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for the S-1 version of SB 185:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

The Chair then made the motion to excuse all absent members.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.