

Minutes of January 26, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, in room 210 Farnum Building.

- Senator Jansen called the meeting to order at 2:38 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Jansen – Present
Senator Hardiman – Present
Senator Jacobs – Present

Agenda

- Approve minutes from January 19, 2010.

Motion by Senator Jansen to approve the minutes from January 19, 2010, was supported by Senator Hardiman.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Senator Jansen opens up testimony on Senate Bill 1071.
 1. Senator Nofs explained the bill and testified in support.
 2. Mr. Tobin Miller, representing the Department of Human Services, testified in opposition to the bill because it is tie barred to SB 259 and HB 5702.
 3. Ms. Verlie Ruffin and Charlotte Smith, representing the Office of Children's Ombudsman in the Department of Management and Budget, testified in opposition to the bill because it is tie barred to SB 259 and HB 5702. Ms. Ruffin feels that reports needs to be defined.

- Motion by Senator Jansen to adopt Senate Bill 1071, supported by Senator Hardiman.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Motion by Senator Jansen to report Senate Bill 1071, with favorable recommendation for passage and i.e., supported by Senator Jacobs.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Senator Jansen opens up testimony on Senate Bills 723 and 724.
 4. Senator Hunter explained SB 723 and testified in support.
 5. Ms. Patricia Chorba, Senator Hunter’s constituent, testified in support of the bills. Ms. Chorba explained that her infant son had died in the care of a child care provider. This provider had a previous child die in their care but did not disclose this information to Ms. Chorba.
 6. Mr. Jim Gale and Jim Sinnamon, representing the Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bills with the changes in the substitutes.
- Motion by Senator Jansen to adopt the (S-1) substitute for Senate Bill 723, supported by Senator Jacobs.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Motion by Senator Jansen to report the (S-1) substitute for Senate Bill 723, with favorable recommendation for passage and i.e., supported by Senator Hardiman.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Motion by Senator Jansen to adopt the (S-1) substitute for Senate Bill 724, supported by Senator Jacobs.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Motion by Senator Jansen to report the (S-1) substitute for Senate Bill 724, with favorable recommendation for passage and i.e., supported by Senator Hardiman.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Senator Jansen opens up testimony on Senate Bill 941.
 7. Senator Barcia explained the bill and testified in support.
 8. Sgt. Chris Hawkins, representing the Michigan State Police, did not wish to speak but supported the bill.
 9. Ms. Dawn Pline, representing the Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bill with an amendment that states “should funds be available.”
- Motion by Senator Jansen to adopt Senate Bill 941, supported by Senator Jacobs.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Motion by Senator Jansen to report Senate Bill 941, with favorable recommendation for passage and i.e., supported by Senator Jacobs.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Senator Jansen adjourned the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Comment, Clerk

Mark C. Jansen, Chair

Date Approved