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Minutes of February 2, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, in room 210 Farnum Building.

- Senator Jansen called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

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

Agenda

- Approve minutes from January 26, 2010.

Motion by Senator Jansen to approve the minutes from January 26, 2010, was supported by Senator Hardiman.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

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

- Senator Jansen opens up testimony on Senate Bill 197.
 1. Senator McManus explained the bill.
 2. Ms. Marilyn Stephen, representing the Office of Child Support in the Department of Human Services, testified with some concerns with the bill.
 3. Mr. Kent Weichmann, representing the Family Law Section of the State Bar, testified in support of the bill. Mr. Weichmann included written testimony.

4. Mr. Brandon Podolak testified in support of the bill with changes. Mr. Podolak submitted written testimony.
 5. Mr. Chad Podolak testified in support of the bill with changes. Mr. Podolak submitted written testimony.
 6. Mr. Gordon Gagnon testified in support of the bill if the one year time limit was removed.
 7. Mr. Robert Kerr, representing the Dads of Michigan PAC, testified in support of the bill. Mr. Kerr submitted testimony on behalf of Mr. James Semerad.
 8. Ms. Robin Fifield testified in support of the bill. Ms. Fifield is a grandmother that is being denied the right to see her granddaughter.
 9. Ms. Roxanne May Podolak did not wish to speak but supported the bill with changes.
 10. Ms. Connie Podolak did not wish to speak but supported the bill with changes.
 11. Ms. Donna Phelps did not wish to speak but supported the bill.
 12. Mr. Ron Hoffman did not wish to speak but supported the bill.
 13. Ms. Nicole Noteboom testified in support of the bill. Ms. Noteboom is an aunt that is being denied the right to see her brother's child.
 14. Ms. Julie McKay testified in support of the bill if the one year time limit was removed.
 15. Mr. Michael McKay testified in support of the bill if the one year time limit was removed. Mr. McKay has been denied the right to see his child after a six year relationship.
 16. Mr. Daniel Wharton testified in support of the bill if the one year time limit was removed. Mr. Wharton submitted written testimony.
 17. Mr. Robert Podolak testified in support of the bill with changes. Mr. Podolak submitted written testimony.
 18. Ms. Shirley Gothe did not wish to speak but supported the bill.
 19. Ms. Amanda Podolak did not wish to speak but supported the bill with changes. Ms. Podolak submitted written testimony.
 20. Ms. Linda Dupuie did not wish to speak but supported the bill with changes. Ms. Dupuie submitted written testimony.
- Senator Jansen adjourned the meeting at 3:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Comment, Clerk

Mark C. Jansen, Chair

Date Approved

