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**THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL, URBAN  
AND STATE AFFAIRS**

SENATOR  
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**Minutes of the Senate Local, Urban & State Affairs Committee**  
Tuesday, June 1, 2010  
3:00 p.m.  
Room 110 of the Farnum Building

Chairman Van Woerkom called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Members present: Senators Van Woerkom, Birkholz, Gleason, and Basham.

Senator Basham motioned to approve the minutes from March 9, 2010 and the motion was supported by Senator Gleason. The minutes from March 9, 2010 were approved.

Chairman Van Woerkom invited Anne Pawli from Rep. Valentine to introduce House Bill 4893.

Chairman Van Woerkom explained the S-1 substitute.

Sen. Birkholz moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute for House Bill 4893 with support from Sen. Gleason. The substitute was adopted 4-0.

Chairman Van Woerkom read the names of those who did not wish to speak on HB 4893, but wished to have their opinion stated.

Those who supported HB 4893 were:

- Josh Richmond, Michigan Society of Medical Examiners.
- Tom Hickson, Michigan Association of Counties.
- Dr. Philip Croft, Michigan Association of Medical Examiners.
- Dr. Michael Markey, Eaton and Shiawassee Counties Medical Examiner's Offices.
- Bret Marr, Oakland County Executive Office.
- Jerry Griffin, Wayne County Executive Office.

Those who were neutral on HB 4893 were:

- Brenda Lawson, Michigan Department of Community Health.

Those who were opposed to HB 4893 were:

- Bill Flory, Michigan Association for Justice.

Senator Birkholz moved to report out HB 4893 (S-1) with support from Senator Gleason. HB 4893 passed favorably, 3-0, with Sen. Basham passing. Senator Birkholz motioned to report out HB 4893 (S-1) with immediate effect with support from Senator Gleason. HB 4893 (S-1) was reported favorably, 3-0, with immediate effect, Sen. Basham passing.

Chairman Van Woerkom invited Ed Kettle from Rep. Schmidt's office to introduce House Bill 4726, along with Al Mooney, City of Grand Rapids.

Chairman Van Woerkom explained the changes contained in the S-1.

Sen. Birkholz moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute for House Bill 4726 with support from Sen. Gleason. The substitute was adopted 4-0.

Chairman Van Woerkom read the names of those who did not wish to speak on HB 4726, but wished to have their opinion stated.

Those who supported HB 4726 were:

- Chris Hackbarth, Michigan Municipal League.

Senator Birkholz moved to report out HB 4726 (S-1) with support from Senator Gleason. HB 4893 passed favorably, 4-0. Senator Birkholz motioned to report out HB 4726 (S-1) with immediate effect with support from Senator Gleason. HB 4726 (S-1) was reported favorably, 4-0, with immediate effect.

Chairman Van Woerkom invited Andrew Mutavdzija from Rep. Bert Johnson's office and Professor David Weatherspoon from Michigan State University to introduce House Concurrent Resolution Bill 41.

Professor Weatherspoon discussed the food desert in the city of Detroit and the need for federal action to address it.

Senator Gleason moved to report out HCR 41 with support from Senator Basham. HCR 41 passed favorably, 3-0.

Senator Basham motioned to excuse Sen. Allen.

Senator Basham motioned for adjournment with no objection.  
Chairman Van Woerkom adjourned the committee at 4:02 p.m.