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THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL, URBAN
AND STATE AFFAIRS

SENATOR
GERALD VAN WOERKOM
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of the Senate Local, Urban & State Affairs Committee
Tuesday, September 21, 2010
1:00 p.m.
Room 110 of the Farnum Building

Chairman Van Woerkom called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

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

Senator Gleason motioned to approve the minutes from September 14, 2010 and the motion was supported by Senator Birkholz. The minutes from September 14, 2010 were approved.

Chairman Van Woerkom invited Greg Moore from Senator Nof's office to introduce Senate Bill 1464.

Chairman Van Woerkom read the names of those who did not wish to speak on SB 1464, but wished to have their opinion stated.

Those who supported SB 1464:

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association.

Senator Allen motioned to report out SB 1464 with support from Senator Birkholz. SB 1464 passed unanimously, 5-0. Senator Allen moved for SB 1464 to take immediate effect with support from Senator Birkholz. Immediate effect on SB 1464 passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chairman Van Woerkom briefly explained the concept of HB 5640 and asked Mike O'Brien from Senate Majority Policy to explain the S-1 substitute.

Mike O'Brien explained the key differences in the S-1 substitute.

Senator Allen moved to adopt S-1 substitute for HB 5640 with support from Senator Birkholz. The S-1 substitute of HB 5640 was adopted, 4-0, with Sen. Basham passing.

Todd Pfahl, representing Johnson Controls, testified in support of HB 5640 (S-1).

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of HB 5640 (S-1) and expressed his desire to see the residential benefit added to the bill.

Murray Brown, representing the Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association, testified in opposition to the H-3 version of the bill.

Joelle Demand, representing the Michigan Bankers Association, and Daniel Lane, representing the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis testified in opposition to the H-3 version of the bill. Mr. Lane also expressed concerns about some of the provisions in the S-1 version.

Chairman Van Woerkom read the names of those who did not wish to speak on HB 5640 (S-1), but wished to have their opinion stated.

Those who supported HB 5640 (S-1):

- Sarah Mulikoff, Clean Water Action.

Those who were neutral on HB 5640 (S-1):

- Brian Westrin, Michigan Association of Realtors.
- Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of Community Bankers.
- Vicki Baron, representing the Michigan Credit Union League.

Sen. Allen expressed his concerns regarding the impact the legislation would have on sewer and water authorities.

Senator Basham motioned to report out HB 5640 (S-1) with support from Senator Gleason. HB 5640 passed 4-0 with Sen. Allen passing. Senator Basham motioned for immediate effect for HB 5640 (S-1) with support from Senator Gleason. Immediate effect on HB 5640 (S-1) passed 4-0, with Sen. Allen passing.

Chairman Van Woerkom introduced SB 1502 and explained an amendment he was offering for the legislation.

Senator Birkholz moved to adopt the amendment with support from Senator Gleason. The amendment was adopted 5-0.

Senator Birkholz moved to adopt S-1 substitute for SB 1502 with support from Senator Basham. The S-1 substitute of SB 1502 was adopted, 5-0.

Mike Byrne, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission, expressed concerns regarding SB 1502 (S-1).

Senator Birkholz motioned to report out SB 1502 (S-1) with support from Senator Basham. SB 1502 (S-1) passed unanimously, 5-0. Senator Birkholz moved for SB 1502 (S-1) to take immediate effect with support from Senator Basham. Immediate effect on SB 1502 (S-1) passed unanimously, 5-0.

Connie Burgess from Senator Jelinek's office and Mildred Dodak, representing the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds testified regarding the changes contained in the substitute for HB 4503.

Senator Birkholz moved to adopt S-1 substitute for HB 4503 with support from Senator Gleason. The S-1 substitute of HB 4503 was adopted, 4-0

Chairman Van Woerkom invited Senator Gleason to introduce Senate Bill 1440.

Senator Basham motioned to report out SB 1440 with support from Senator Gleason. SB 1440 passed 5-0. Senator Basham motioned for immediate effect for SB 1440 with support from Senator Gleason. Immediate effect on SB 1440 passed 5-0.

Senator Gleason motioned for adjournment with no objection.
Chairman Van Woerkom adjourned the committee at 2:10 p.m.