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SENATE COMMITTEE ON REFORMS AND RESTRUCTURING

Minutes for January 27, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms and Restructuring was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower. Senator Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Bishop, Gilbert, George, Kuipers, Prusi, Hunter, and Cherry
Excused: None
Absent: None

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

SB 1072 – Testimony only

SB 1085 – Testimony only

SB 1086 – Testimony only

The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the committee rules. A motion was offered by Senator Gilbert, support given by Senator George, and the members approved the rules by a vote of 7 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the Senate Reforms and Restructuring Committee Rules:

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Gilbert, George, Kuipers, Prusi, Hunter, and Cherry
Nays: None

The Chair then turned the members' attention to the bills on the day's agenda, Senate Bill's 1072, 1085, & 1086.

Senate Bill 1072 introduced by Senator Richardville; Labor; arbitration; training of arbitrators and arbitration deadline; revise.

Senator Richardville led off with testimony on the intent of SB 1072.

Senate Bill 1085 introduced by Senator Jansen; Local government; intergovernmental affairs; intergovernmental transfers of functions and responsibilities; revise contents of contracts.

Senator Jansen testified on the need for SB 1085.

Questions and discussion followed

Senate Bill 1086 introduced by Senator Hardiman; Local government; intergovernmental affairs; intergovernmental transfers of employees and responsibilities; revise contents of contracts.

Senator Hardiman testified on the need for SB 1086.

Samantha Harkins, Jeff Jenks, & Tony Minguine with Michigan Municipal League, gave testimony in support of the legislation with amendments.

Questions and discussion followed.

Howard L. Shifman representing various communities spoke in opposition of the legislation.

Questions and discussion followed.

Peter E. Auger, City Manager of Auburn Hills gave testimony on the need for this legislation with amendments.

Bill Anderson with Michigan Township Association gave testimony on the legislation.

Phillip Moore City Manager of Alma, spoke in support of SB 1085 & 1086 and the need for amendments to SB 1072.

Questions and discussion followed.

Jerry Richards with Meridian Charter Township spoke in support of the legislation.

Haris Alibasic with the City of Grand Rapids gave testimony on the legislation.

Gary McDowell with the Michigan Association of Mayors gave testimony on the legislation.

Mayor Rick Root of the City of Kentwood, Chief Executive Officer of Kentwood, and Chair of Legislative Committee of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council gave testimony on the legislation.

Mayor Victor Loomis of the City of East Lansing spoke in support of the legislation.

The Chair then read the cards of those not wishing to speak:

- Mayor Sue Osborn, from the City of Fenton in support of the legislation
- Lynn Markland, with the City of Fenton in support of the legislation with amendments
- Bonnie Bochniak, on behalf of the Michigan Business & Professional Association in support of the legislation
- Linda Gobler, on behalf of the Michigan Grocers Association in support of the legislation
- Jared Rodriguez, on behalf of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce in support of SB's 1085 & 1086 and neutral on SB 1072

- Tom Hickson, on behalf of Michigan Association of Counties in support of the legislation with amendments
- Joelle Demand, from Michigan Bankers Association in support of the legislation
- Sabrina Keeley, from Business Leaders for Michigan in support of the legislation
- Dawn Crandall, on behalf of the Michigan Homebuilders in support of the legislation
- Mike Batterbee, on behalf of Small Business Association of Michigan in support of the legislation
- Cynthia Paul, on behalf of SEIU in opposition to the legislation
- Chris Fisher, from the Associated Builders & Contractors of Michigan in support of the legislation
- Andy Deloney, on behalf of the Michigan Restaurant Association in support of the legislation
- Lee Schwartz, with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in support of the legislation
- Jim Holcomb, with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in support of the legislation
- Nick Ciaramitaro, with the AFSCME Council 25 still reviewing language of the legislation
- Charles Owens, with the NFIB in support of the legislation
- Brad Williams, with the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce in support of the legislation
- Brad Ward, with the Michigan Association of Realtors in support of the legislation
- Jim Kohmescher, with the City of Wyoming

Being no further testimony, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.