

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY
REFORM**

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, in rooms 402 / 403 of the Capitol Building. Senator Sanborn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, and Jacobs
Excused: Senators Thomas, and Hunter
Absent: None

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

Members recommended the appointment of Edward J. Gaffney to the MI Liquor Control Commission.

Senate Bill 96 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.

The Chair began by taking roll, as there was not a quorum present, the members began taking testimony on Senate Bill 96.

Senate Bill 96 introduced by Senator Birkholz; Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; rules for certain educational programs; allow adoption by the department.

As the sponsor of the bill, Senator Birkholz, gave testimony on the background of the bill.

Tom Martin, on behalf of the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak

Additional members arrived, which provided enough members to constitute a forum.

Being no further testimony, Senator Gilbert made a motion to report Senate Bill 96 with the committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Jacobs and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 as follows:

Report Senate Bill 96 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Allen, Gilbert, and Jacobs

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Gilbert. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Allen and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for the S-1 version of House Bill 4146:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Allen, Thomas, and Jacobs

Nays: None

The Chair then asked the members to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of February 11, 2009. A motion was offered by Senator Allen, support given by Senator Gilbert, and the members approved the minutes by a vote of 4 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the minutes from the 11-12-08 meeting:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Allen, Thomas, and Jacobs

Nays: None

The Chair then moved on to the final item on the day's agenda, the Governor's appointment of Edward J. Gaffney to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Mr. Gaffney was invited before the members to offer opening remarks.

Questions and discussion followed by the members present.

Following the consideration of the testimony provided, Senator Sanborn made a motion that the committee offer their recommendation to the Government Operations Committee that they favorably report the appointment of Edward J. Gaffney to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission with a recommendation of advising and consenting to the appointment. Support was offered by Senator Richardville, and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0 as follows:

Recommend the appointment of Edward J. Gaffney to the MI Liquor Control Commission:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, and Jacobs

Nays: None

Senator Jacobs then made a motion to excuse the members that were not present at the day's proceedings. Being no objection, the motion passed.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.