

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

MINUTES FROM JUNE 10, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, in rooms 402 / 403 of the Capitol Building. Senator Sanborn called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

Senate Bill 0438 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.

Senate Bill 0439 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.

The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of June 06, 2009. A motion was offered by Senator Thomas, support given by Senator Allen, and the members approved the minutes by a vote of 5 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the minutes from the 06-06-09 meeting:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, and Thomas

Nays: None

The Chair began with Senate Bill 438, sponsored by Senator Richardville.

Senate Bill 438 introduced by Senator Richardville; Environmental protection; other; stratified random sampling process; establish for inspections under NREPA.

Senate Bill 439 introduced by Senator Kahn; Environmental protection; other; NREPA programs; require peer review or benchmark analysis.

Senator Richardville offered background on Senate Bill 438.

Dave Biswas, gave testimony on behalf of Senator Kahn on Senate Bill 439.

Questions and discussion followed.

Frank Ruswick, Senior Policy Advisor for the Department of Environmental Quality, spoke of their concerns for the measures.

Questions and discussion followed.

The following cards were submitted by individuals not wishing to testify:
Susan Harley, representing Clean Water Action Committee, in opposition
Jim Holcomb, with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, in support
Gayle Miller, from the Sierra Club, in opposition
Randy Gross, on behalf of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in support
Matt Smego, with Michigan Farm Bureau, supporting SB 439 in concept, neutral on SB 438

Being no further testimony, Senator Gilbert then made a motion to report Senate Bill 438 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 2 as follows;

Report Senate Bill 438 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Gilbert

Nays: Senator Thomas, and Jacobs

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Allen. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 2 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 438:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Gilbert

Nays: Senator Thomas, and Jacobs

Senator Richardville then made a motion to report Senate Bill 439 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 2 as follows;

Report Senate Bill 439 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Gilbert

Nays: Senator Thomas, and Jacobs

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Sanborn. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Allen and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 2 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 439:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Gilbert

Nays: Senator Thomas, and Jacobs

The Chair then moved on to the next item on the agenda, Senate Bill 2.

Senate Bill 2 introduced by Senator Sanborn; State; other; small business ombudsman and advisory panel; establish.

As the sponsor of the measure, the Chair offered background on the bill.

Jim McBryde, of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., gave testimony in opposition to the measure.

Questions and discussion followed.

At the request of Senator Thomas a vote was postponed for a later date.

Senator Thomas then made a motion to excuse the absent members. Being no objection, the motion carried.

Being no further business, Senator Sanborn adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.