

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

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, in rooms 402 / 403 of the Capitol Building. The meeting was originally scheduled for 1:00 p.m., however, as session ran late, the Chair reposted for 2:00 p.m. Senator Sanborn called the meeting to order at 2:08 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 0002 - Reported the (S-2) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.

Senate Bill 0340 - Reported the (S-2) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.

Senate Bill 0437 - Testimony only

The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of August 5, 2009. A motion was offered by Senator Allen, support given by Senator Thomas, and the members approved the minutes by a vote of 4 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the minutes from the 08-05-09 meeting:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Thomas

Nays: None

The Chair began with Senate Bill 0437, sponsored by Senator Allen.

Senate Bill 0437 introduced by Senator Allen; Environmental protection; cleanups; clean-up standards; provide for.

As the sponsor of the measure, Senator Allen offered background on the bill.

For the purposes of discussion Senator Allen then made a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 0437. Support was offered by Senator Sanborn and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the (S-1) version of SB 0437:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Thomas

Nays: None

Marianne Horinko, with the Michigan Renewal Coalition, gave testimony in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair then read the following names of those in support for the bill but not wishing to speak:

- Garret Greer, on behalf of Dow Chemical Company
- Andy Such, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council
- John Griffin, from the Associated Petroleum Industry of Michigan
- Brian Kandler, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber
- Randy Gross, with the Michigan Manufacturing Assn.
- Doug Roberts, from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- Joelle Demand, on behalf of the Michigan Bankers Assn.

The sponsor concluded that workgroups would continue their efforts to address the issues that had been raised.

The next bills on the agenda were Senate Bills 0002 and 0340, sponsored by Senators Sanborn and Birkholz, respectively.

Senate Bill 0002 introduced by Senator Sanborn; State; other; small business ombudsman and advisory panel; establish.

Senate Bill 0340 introduced by Senator Birkholz; Economic development; economic development corporations; business ombudsman; create.

Senator Birkholz began with testimony on the background of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair commented that he had tried to schedule repeated meetings with the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth regarding this issue, but each meeting was cancelled and he had yet to meet with their staff.

Questions and discussion followed.

Randy Gross, with the Michigan Manufacturers Assn. submitted a card in support of SB 340, but did not wish to make comments at this time.

James McBryde, with the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, submitted a card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Being no further testimony, Senator Allen then made a motion to adopt the (S-2) version of Senate Bill 0002. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the (S-2) version of SB 0002:

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

Nays: None

Senator Gilbert then made a motion to report the (S-2) version of Senate Bill 0002 with the committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Allen and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1 as follows:

Report the (S-1) version of SB 0002 with favorable recommendation:

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

Nays: Senator Jacobs

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Richardville. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 0002:

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

Nays: None

Senator Allen then made a motion to adopt the (S-2) version of Senate Bill 0340. Support was offered by Senator Sanborn and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the (S-2) version of SB 0340:

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

Nays: None

Senator Sanborn then made a motion to report the (S-2) version of Senate Bill 0340 with the committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1 as follows:

Report the (S-2) version of SB 0340 with favorable recommendation:

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

Nays: Senator Jacobs

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 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 0340:

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

Nays: None

Senator Thomas made a motion that Sen. Hunter be excused. Being no objection the motion carried.

Senator Sanborn noted that an intern from his office was in attendance for the meeting, Charles Markman, Jr., a student at the University of Michigan. The Chair appreciated his fine help and offered his best wishes as Charles returned to his studies.

Being no further business, Senator Sanborn adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.