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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 3:03 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

Senate Health Policy Committee members present: George (C), Allen (VC), Patterson, Sanborn, Clarke (MinVC), Gleason, Jacobs.

Senator George welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

A motion was made by Senator Allen to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting and seconded by Senator Patterson.

Senator George then welcomed Senator Roger Kahn who gave oral testimony in favor of his bill, Senate Bill 47. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Brenda Lawson, representing the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) who gave oral testimony in opposition to SB 47. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then noted that testimony cards had been turned in by Felicia Wasson, representing AARP and Rachel Hurley representing the Attorney General's Office in support of the bill. A card had also been turned in by Christine Shearer representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) in opposition to the bill.

Senator George then welcomed Karen Jonas representing the Michigan Pharmacists Association who gave oral testimony in favor of "parts" of SB 47. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to report Senate Bill 47 with immediate effect, supported by Senator Clarke.

Yeas: George, Allen, Patterson, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason,

Nays: Jacobs

Pass:

Excused:

The motion prevailed.

Senator George then welcomed Senator Bruce Patterson who gave oral testimony in support of his bill, Senate Bill 151.

Senator George then noted that testimony cards had been turned in supporting the legislation by: Kathleen Jakubiak Kovacek, representing the Michigan Physical Therapy Association (MPTA); Peter Loubert representing the MPTA; Barbara Simmons representing the MPTA and Physical Therapist Assistants in Michigan, Brenda Lawson representing DCH; and Chris Mitchell representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. A testimony card in opposition to SB 151 had also been turned in by Christine Shearer representing the MAHP.

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to adopt an amendment to Senate Bill 151 (S-1), supported by Senator Sanborn.

Yeas: George, Allen, Patterson Sanborn, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass: Clarke

Excused:

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to adopt Senate Bill 151 (S-1) as amended, supported by Senator Clarke.

Yeas: George, Allen, Patterson Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused:

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to report Senate Bill 151 (S-2) with immediate effect, supported by Senator Clarke.

Yeas: George, Allen, Patterson, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused:

The motion prevailed.

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There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Senator Tom George

Committee Clerk

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee

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