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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 3:05 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), Jacobs.

Without objection Senator George excused absent members.

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

Senator George noted that testimony cards in support of Senate Bill 722 had been turned in by Brenda Lawson, representing the Michigan Department of Community Health; Felicia Wasson, representing AARP; Paula Jimenez, representing Sanofi Pasteur; and Chris Mitchell representing the Michigan Health & Hospital Association who support the bill in concept.

Senator George then welcomed Senator Kahn who gave testimony in support of Senate Bill 722. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to adopt a substitute (S-2) to Senate Bill 722, supported by Senator Jacobs.

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

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Gleason

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to report Senate Bill 722 (S-2) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Allen.

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

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator George then asked Jonathan Schmidt to explain Senate Bill 689 and House Bill 4161. Following that Senator George noted that testimony cards in support of Senate Bill 689 and House Bill 4161 had been turned in by: Brenda Lawson, representing the Michigan Department of Community Health; Christine Shearer, representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans; and Greg Baran, representing the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Senator George then welcomed Representative Richard Leblanc who gave testimony on House Bill 4161.

A motion was made by Senator Clarke to adopt a substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 689, supported by Senator Patterson.

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

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Gleason

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Clarke to report Senate Bill 689 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Patterson.

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

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to report House Bill 4161 (H-1) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Jacobs.

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

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator George then made comments about the agenda at the next committee meeting.

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

Chairperson

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Date approved by the Committee