



THE SENATE
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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 3:12 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.

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

Senator George then announced the order of business and spoke about Senate Bills 647, 648, 649, 650, 651 and 652.

Senator George then welcomed Senator Roger Kahn who spoke in support of Senate Bill 649. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then noted that a testimony card had been turned in by Bill Kandler representing the American College of OB/Gyns in opposition to the bills but not needing to speak.

Senator George then welcomed Graham Parker from Wayne State University who gave written and oral testimony in opposition to the bills. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Laura Jackson from Michigan Citizens Stem Cell Research & Cures who spoke in opposition to the bills. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed former Speaker Rick Johnson representing Cure Michigan who spoke in opposition to the bills. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Cynthia Wilbanks and Gary Smith from the University of Michigan who spoke in opposition to the bills. Following their testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George noted that a testimony card had been turned in by Melissa Cupp from the Karmanos Cancer Institute in opposition to the bills, but not needing to speak.

Senator George then welcomed Stephen Rapundalo who gave written and oral testimony in opposition to the bills. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Daniel Heumann from the Stem Cell Commercialization Center Tech Town who spoke in opposition to the bills.

Senator George then welcomed Sheri Mark from Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures who spoke in opposition to the bills. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Ed Rivet from Right to Life of Michigan who spoke in support of the bills. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then noted that a card had been turned in by Ruth Linnemann from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter in opposition to the bills, but not needing to speak.

Senator George then welcomed Ryan Dinkgrave who spoke in opposition to the bills.

Senator George then welcomed Paul Long from the Michigan Catholic Conference who spoke in support of the bills. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then made a comment about the bills.

Senator George then welcomed Brenda Lawson from the Department of Community Health who spoke in opposition to the bills. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

Chairperson

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Date approved by the Committee