

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

**MINUTES FOR November 30, 2010**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2010, in rooms 402-403 of the Capitol Building at 2:30 pm.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Hunter  
Excused: Senator Jacobs

**The Agenda Summary is as follows:**

**House Bill 5999 - Reported the (S-1) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.**

**House Bill 6000 - Reported the (S-1) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm.

The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of November 9, 2010. A motion was offered by Senator Hunter, support given by Senator Thomas, and the members approved the minutes by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

**Approval of the minutes from the 09-22-10 meeting:**

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

Nays: None

**House Bill 5999 introduced by Representative Haugh;** Crimes; explosives; Michigan fireworks safety act; create.

**House Bill 6000 introduced by Representative Kandrevas;** Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for Michigan fireworks safety act violations; enact.

As the lead for the package, Rep. Haugh gave a brief explanation of the bill.

For the purposes of discussion, Senator Gilbert made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of House Bill 5999. Support was offered by Senator Sanborn and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0:

**Adopt the S-1 version of HB 5999:**

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

Nays: None

Senator Gilbert then made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of House Bill 6000. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0:

**Adopt the S-1 version of HB 6000:**

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

Nays: None

Further explanation of the changes was offered by Senator Sanborn's Chief of Staff, Andrew Doerr.

The following names submitted cards to indicate their position on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Amanda Radaz, with NFIB, in opposition
- Mike Gallagher, on behalf of Spartan Stores, in opposition
- Linda Gobler, from the MI Grocers' Assn., in opposition
- Samantha Harkins, representing MI Municipal League, in opposition
- Ron Barstow, of Cascade Distribution Company, Inc., in opposition
- Bill Collins, with Patriot Pyrotechnics LLC, in support
- Stacie Behler, on behalf of Meijer, in opposition
- Rob Elhenicky, for Walmart, in opposition
- Eric Rule, from the MI Retailers Assn, in opposition

James Stajos, with Big Fireworks, out of Lansing, MI, offered testimony in support of the bills.

Mike Hagy, on behalf of Night Star Pyrotechnics, testified of their concerns but had not yet had a chance to review the final version of the bills.

Tom Frazier, representing MI Townships Assn, offered testimony to share their concerns with the measures.

Aaron Enzer, with Pyrotechnics Guild International/Ace Pyro, LLC, testifies in support of the bills.

Andy Webb, from Captain Boom Fireworks, provided testimony in opposition.

Michael O'Brian, on behalf of the Brighton Area Fire Dept, and Ronald Farr, the State Fire Marshal also representing the Bureau of Fire Services, provided testimony to share their concerns with the legislation.

Dominick Pallone, representing TNT Fireworks, spoke in opposition to the bills.

Being no further testimony, Senator Richardville made a motion to report the (S-1) version of HB 5999 with favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0:

**Report the S-1 version of HB 5999 with favorable recommendation:**

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, and Hunter

Nays: None

Senator Richardville then made a motion to recommend immediate effect be given to the bill. Senator Gilbert offered support and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0:

**Recommend HB 5999 (S-1) be given immediate effect:**

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, and Hunter

Nays: None

Senator Richardville made a motion to report the (S-1) version of HB 6000 with favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0:

**Report the S-1 version of HB 6000 with favorable recommendation:**

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, and Hunter

Nays: None

Senator Sanborn then made a motion to excuse the absent members. With no opposition, the motion carried.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.