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DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 3:01 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

Senate Health Policy Committee members present: George (C), Allen, Sanborn, Gleason.

Senator George excused absent members.

A motion was made by Senator Allen to adopt the minutes from the June 23, 2010 and August 24, 2010 meetings, supported by Senator Sanborn.

Senator George announced the order of business.

Senator George welcomed Christine Shearer from the Michigan Association of Health Plans (MALPH) and Carrie Germain from Health Plus who gave written and oral testimony in support of House Bill 5735.

Testimony cards in support of the bill but not needing to speak were turned in by Karen Jonas from the Michigan Pharmacists Association and Ed Dichoza from the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH).

A motion was made by Senator Allen to report HB 5735 (H-1) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Gleason

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Gleason

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Clarke, Jacobs

The motion prevailed

Senator George then welcomed Ed Kettle from Rep. Roy Schmidt's office who gave testimony in support of House Bill 5614.

Testimony cards in support of the bill but not needing to speak were turned in by Fred Anderson representing the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA), Bill Sullivan representing the Michigan Dental Association, Chris Mitchell representing the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA), Joshua Richmond representing the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) and Ed Dichoza from DCH.

Beth Clement gave testimony on the changes in the S-1 version of HB 5614.

A motion was made by Senator Gleason to adopt a substitute (S-1) to HB 5614, supported by Senator Allen.

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Gleason,

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Clarke, Jacobs

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Gleason to report HB 5614 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Allen

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Gleason

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Clarke, Jacobs

The motion prevailed

Senator George then welcomed Karen McMaster from DCH and Senator John Gleason who gave testimony in support of Senate Bill 1486.

A testimony card in support of the bill but not needing to speak was turned in by Tom Hickson representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

A motion was made by Senator Allen to report SB 1486 with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator George

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Gleason

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Clarke, Jacobs

The motion prevailed

Senator George then welcomed Rep. Roy Schmidt who gave testimony in support of House Bill 4583.

Testimony cards in support of the HB 4583 but not needing to speak were turned in by Lynn Weimester representing Beaumont Hospitals, Chris Mitchell representing MHA, Shelli Weisberg representing ACLU of Michigan, Ed Dichoza of DCH, Joshua Richmond of MSMS, Fred Anderson of MOA, and Christine Shearer of MALPH.

Senator George then welcomed Mark Lemoine and Dr. Mimi Emig representing Spectrum Health who gave testimony in support of the legislation.

Senator George noted that written testimony had been turned in opposition to HB 4583 by Dr. Leonard Johnson from the Michigan Infectious Diseases Society.

A motion was made by Senator Gleason to report HB 4583 (H-2) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator George

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Gleason

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Clarke, Jacobs

The motion prevailed

Senator George then welcomed Representative Fred Miller who gave testimony in support of House Bill 4459.

Senator George then welcomed Steve Sliver and John Gokey from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment who gave testimony in support of the HB 4459. Following their testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

A testimony card in support of HB 4459 but not needing to speak was turned in by Chris Mitchell of MHA.

A motion was made by Senator Gleason to adopt a substitute (S-1) to HB 4459, supported by Senator Allen.

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Gleason,

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Clarke, Jacobs

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Gleason to report HB 4459 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect, supported by Senator Allen

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Gleason

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson, Clarke, Jacobs

The motion prevailed

Senator George then welcomed Rep. Fred Miller who spoke in support of House Bill 4458.

Testimony cards in opposition to the HB 4458 but not needing to speak were turned in by Tom Martin of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth and Chris Mitchell of MHA.

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee