

Senate Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs was held Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present: Senators Allen, Pappageorge, Garcia and Olshove

Members excused: Senator Basham

Senator Allen called the meeting to order.

Senator Olshove moved for the adoption of the minutes from the meeting held Wednesday, March 3, 2010 meeting by unanimous consent. Senator Pappageorge supported motion. By unanimous consent, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Allen put forth before the committee House Bills 5899 (Representative Kurtz) and 5900 (Representative Polidori).

Tim Sneller, Legislative Director for Representative Polidori, testified in explanation of the legislation. Mr. Sneller noted that the bills amend the effective date of previously passed legislation from the committee to allow for the burial of unclaimed veterans remains.

Robert Weiss, representing the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars, supported the legislation and did not wish to testify.

Doug Williams, representing the Commanders Group, American Legion, and Marine Corps League, supported the legislation and did not wish to testify.

Lino Pretto, representing the Purple Heart, supported the legislation and did not wish to testify.

Senator Olshove moved that House Bill 5899 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Pappageorge supported the motion. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Pappageorge, Garcia and Olshove (4/5)

Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Basham (1)

Senator Garcia moved that House Bill 5899 be given immediate effect. Senator Olshove supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Pappageorge, Garcia and Olshove (4/5)
Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Basham (1)

Senator Pappageorge moved that House Bill 5900 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Olshove supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Pappageorge, Garcia and Olshove (4/5)
Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Basham (1)

Senator Garcia moved that House Bill 5900 be given immediate effect. Senator Olshove supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Pappageorge, Garcia and Olshove (4/5)
Nays: none (0)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Basham (1)

Senator Allen stated that upcoming meetings would begin to review the elder-friendly proposals.

There being no further business to discuss, Senator Allen adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren K. Michalak
Committee Clerk

Jason Allen
Chairman

Date Approved by Committee