



THE SENATE
HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE
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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 3:07 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

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

Senator George excused all absent members.

Senator George noted the order of business was testimony on Senate Joint Resolutions K and R.

Senator George welcomed Senator Wayne Kuipers who gave testimony in support of Senate Joint Resolution K. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Representative Tom McMillan who spoke in support of the resolutions. Following his remarks the floor was opened up for questions.

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

Senator George then welcomed Senator Cameron Brown who spoke in support of the resolutions.

Senator George then welcomed Marjorie Mitchell from MichUHCAN who gave written and oral testimony in opposition to the resolutions. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions. She also presented written testimony from Michigan Legal Services in opposition to the resolutions.

Senator George then welcomed Charlie Owen from the National Federation of Independent Business who gave written and oral testimony in support of the resolutions. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Wendy Day from Common Sense in Government who spoke in support of the resolutions. Following her remarks the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Doug Till from the Southwest Michigan Tea Party Patriots who spoke in support of the resolutions.

Senator George then welcomed David Wallin from Hillsdale, MI who spoke in support of the resolutions. Following his remarks the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Michael Embry from the Michigan Association of Health Underwriters who spoke in support of the resolutions.

Senator George then noted that testimony cards in opposition to the resolutions had been turned in by Joy Gleason from Lansing, MI, Vaughn Thompson and Cynthia Ann Paul from the SEIU Michigan State Council, Felicia Wasson and Eric Schneidewind from AARP, Adam Knott from Michigan Citizen Action, Gary Benjamin from Michigan Legal Services, Tamesha Bridges from the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, Chris Michalakakis from UFCW Michigan, and Mary Tuttle from MichUHCAN. A testimony card in support of the resolutions was turned in by Jennifer Randon from Howell, MI.

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee

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