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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood, and Young

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the order of business for the Education Committee:

- Adoption of November 9, 2011, minutes
- HB 4496 Rep. Walsh Higher education; community colleges; granting of baccalaureate degrees in certain fields; allow.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 9, 2011, committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business was House Bill 4496. As the bill sponsor, Representative Walsh offered the members a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals offered testimony in support of House Bill 4496:

- Mr. Edwin Ness, President and CEO of Munson Healthcare and Munson Medical Center
- Rear Admiral Gerard Achenbach, USMS, Superintendent of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy
- Captain Ed Wiltse, Vice President of Operations, Grand River Navigation Company
- Mr. Timothy Nelson, President, Northwestern Michigan College
- Dr. Gail Mee, President, Henry Ford Community College
- Kylee Kimmel, Student, Henry Ford Community College

- Christine Haydon, Student, Henry Ford Community College
- Dr. Conway Jeffress, President, Schoolcraft College
- Mr. Gary Ley, CEO/President, Garden City Hospital

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill:

- Michelle Lange, Oakland University
- Chad Wing, Eastern Michigan University
- David Bertram, Michigan State University
- Greg Rosine, Western Michigan, University
- Robert LeFevre, Macomb Intermediate School District
- Mike Boulus, Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan
- Greg Bird, Wayne State University

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill:

- Tom Quinn, President, Kirtland Community College
- Chris Mitchell, Michigan Health & Hospital Association
- Dr. Daniel Phelan, Jackson Community College

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:32 p.m.

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An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.