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HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

SENATOR JIM MARLEAU, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 402-03 of the Capitol Building. Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Gleason

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adoption of the June 9, 2011, minutes
- SR 67 Sen. Marleau A resolution to urge the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to continue the Perinatology Research Branch facility in Detroit.
- SB 221 Sen. Jansen Health; home health care; in-home services agencies; require to be licensed.

Following items pending referral:

- HB 4749 Rep. Price Health; pharmaceuticals; sale or possession of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine; prohibit under certain circumstances and require retailer to enter sale information into a statewide tracking system.
- HB 4750 Rep. Price Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of possessing excessive amount of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine; revise to reflect section renumbering.

Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Health Policy Committee Minutes of June 9, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was House Bill 4749-50. As the sponsor, Representative Price submitted a written statement and was available to answer questions.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

- Sgt. Dwayne Gill, MI State Police
- Kevin Kraushaar, Consumer Healthcare Products Assn.
- Greg Baran, MI Pharmacists Assn.

Christine Shearer, with MI Association of Health Plans, submitted a card in support of House Bill 4750, but did not wish to speak.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to report Senate Bill 4749 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau, Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Gleason

Nays: None

Pass: None

Senator Marleau made a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Schuitmaker offered a motion to report Senate Bill 4750 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau, Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Gleason

Nays: None

Pass: None

Senator Robertson made a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

After the vote had been taken it was realized that the bills were not before the committee and the vote had been taken improperly.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Resolution 67.

Greg Bird and Doug Skrzyniarz, representing Wayne State University, spoke in support of the resolution.

Ron Khoury, representing the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, submitted a card in support of the resolution but did not wish to speak.

Senator Gleason offered a motion to report Senate Resolution 67 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau, Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Gleason

Nays: None

Pass: None

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 221. As one of the co-sponsors of the measure, Senator Emmons gave a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals spoke on Senate Bill 221, their position is as follows:

- Jill Roby-Snyder, MI Home Health Association – Support
- Chris Chesny, Mid-Michigan Home Care – Support

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- Larry Treece, Health Care Associates – Support
- Russ Knopp, National Private Duty Association – Opposed
- Grey Adair, Affordable Home Care – Opposed
- Jean Doss, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute – Support
- Joyce Lovse, National Private Duty Association – Opposed
- Charles Owens, National Federation of Independent Business – Opposed
- Rick Rush, National Private Duty Association – Opposed

The following individuals submitted a card indicating their position on Senate Bill 221, but did not wish to speak:

- Jeffrey A. Welsh, Right At Home of Oakland and Macomb Counties – Opposed
- Mary Mastaglio, National Private Duty Association – Opposed
- Richard Nelson, National Private Duty Association – Opposed
- Linda Lawther, MI Center for Assisted Living – Opposed
- Robert Stein, MI Assisted Living Association – Opposed
- Kathleen Johnston – Calati, MI Disability Rights Coalition – Support
- Mike Frederick, Mid-Michigan Health – Support

Without objection, the Chair announced the meeting was standing at ease at the call of the Chair, at 2:34 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: July 13, 2011

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