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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 30, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms, Restructuring, and Reinventing was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in rooms 402-403 of the Capitol Building at 8:30 a.m. Senator Jansen called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck, Robertson, and Young

Absent: None

Excused: Casperson, Kowall, and Warren

Senator Jansen welcomed everyone to committee and announced the order of business.

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| SB 7 | (Jansen) | Labor; public service employment; mandated public employee contribution to employer-provider health care benefits; provide for. |
| SJR C | (Jansen) | Labor; civil service employment; health benefits of public employees and officers; allow legislature to regulate. |

Senator Jansen noted that testimony cards in opposition to SB 7 and SJR C had been turned in at the March 23 committee meeting by Todd Tennis of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Michael Boulus of the Presidents Council State Universities, and Louise Somalski of the American Federation of Teachers. A card was also turned in by Samantha Harkins of the Michigan Municipal League who did not indicate a position.

Senator Jansen welcomed Samantha Harkins from the Michigan Municipal League who gave testimony indicating the organization was neutral on SB 7 and SJR C. There were no questions.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Rob Fowler of the Small Business Association of Michigan who spoke in support of SB 7 and SJR C. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Louise Somalski of the American Federation of Teachers who spoke in opposition to SB 7 and SJR C. Following her testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

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Attendance was taken and a motion was made by Senator Colbeck to excuse all absent members, supported by Senator Robertson. Without objection the absent members were excused.

Senator Jansen then welcomed John Buczek from the Fraternal Order of Police in opposition to SB 7 and SJR C. Following his testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 23, 2011, committee meeting; by voice vote, the motion carried.

A testimony card was turned in by Brad Williams of the Detroit Chamber in support of SJR C and SB 7, but not wishing to speak.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:36 a.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: _____ **4-13-2011** _____

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