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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda
Members absent: none

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

Approval of Minutes

SB 377	Sen. Booher	Health; medical marihuana; registry information; make available to law enforcement officers upon issuance of a medical marihuana card.
SB 418	Sen. Jones	Health; medical marihuana; permissible causes of action under the medical marihuana law; clarify.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the minutes from June 14, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 377 (Sen. Booher). Senator Booher explained the bill and substitute to the committee members. Senator Booher then answered questions from committee members.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 377 and answered questions from committee members:

- Jerry Bailey and Todd Michaels, representing the Cannabis Patients United—Oppose (Organization submitted testimony on file with clerk)
- Victor Hansens, representing the Jackson County Compassion Club—Oppose
- Roger Maufort, citizen—Oppose

- Dan Korobkin, representing the American Civil Liberties Union—Oppose, but supports with changes to substitute
- Samantha Harkins and Professor Gerald Fisher, representing the Michigan Municipal League—Support (Prof. Fisher also submitted testimony on file with clerk)
- Jeff Sauter, Eaton County Prosecutor and representing Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan—Support
- Sgt. Dwayne Gill, representing the Michigan State Police—Support

The following persons submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 377:

- Alan Cropsey, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette—Support

Senator Rocca moved to adopt the substitute (S-2) to Senate Bill 377. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 377 (S-2) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. 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 Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Rocca moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 377 (S-2). Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 418 (Sen. Jones). Senator Jones explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 418 and answered questions from committee members:

- Joseph Romano, representing Cannabis Patients United—Oppose (Organization submitted testimony on file with clerk)
- Bill Flory, representing the Michigan Association for Justice—Oppose
- Sue Holmes, citizen—Oppose
- Steve Greene, representing Medical Marijuana Radio Show—Oppose
- Victor Hansens, representing the Jackson County Compassion Club—Oppose
- Samantha Harkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League—Support
- David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Roger Maufort, citizen—Oppose

The following persons submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 418:

- Alan Cropsey, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette—Support

Senator Bieda entered the committee room at 11:34 a.m.

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 418 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. 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 Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Rocca moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 418. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 11:36 a.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

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