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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca
Members excused: Senator Bieda

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

Approval of Minutes

SB 504	Sen. Jones	Health; medical marihuana; dispensing medical marihuana within 1,000 feet of a church or school; prohibit.
SB 505	Sen. Jones	Health; medical marihuana; qualification for designation as primary caregiver; establish.

Senator Rocca moved to adopt the minutes from June 21, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 504 (Sen. Jones) and Senate Bill 505 (Sen. Jones). Senator Jones explained the bills to the committee members.

The following persons testified on both Senate Bill 504 and Senate Bill 505:

- Ann Wilbur, representing 178 Clare County Compassion Club Members—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Mary Wilbur, representing Michigan voters—Oppose
- Thomas Johnson, resident of Hillman—Oppose
- Joseph McCain, representing the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act—Oppose
- Terry Provost, representing himself and patients—Oppose

- Rodney Arsenaunt, representing the Clare County Compassion Club—Oppose
- Roger Maufort, representing the Jackson County Compassion Club—Oppose
- Joe Alexander, representing the Osceola County Compassion Club—Oppose
- Tim Beck, representing the Michigan Association of Compassion Clubs—Oppose

The following persons submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on both Senate Bill 504 and Senate Bill 505:

- Shelli Weisberg, representing the ACLU—Neutral
- Jerry Gehringer, representing the Atlanta Compassion Club—Oppose
- Terresa Orman, representing herself and patients—Oppose
- Russell Veerstra, representing the Clare County Compassion Club—Oppose

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 504:

- Victor Hansens, representing the Jackson County Compassion Club—Oppose

The following persons submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 504:

- Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference—Support
- Brian Broderick, representing the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools—Support

Senator Jones announced that, due to session returning at 3:00 p.m., the following people would have their cards read into the record:

- Harriet Dean, representing the Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition—Support SB 504 (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Joseph Romano, representing Cannabis Patients United—Opposes SB 504 (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Rick Thompson, representing the Michigan Association of Compassion Clubs—Opposes SB 504
- Tim Knowlton, representing Cannabis Patients United—Opposes SB 505 (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 504 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)

Excused: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Schuitmaker moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 504. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Rocca moved that Senate Bill 505 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)

Excused: Senator Bieda (1)

Senator Rocca moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 505. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Rocca moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 2:57 p.m.

8/24/11
Date Approved by Committee

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