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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda
Members excused: None

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

Approval of Minutes

SB 977 Sen. Jones Controlled substances; marihuana; use of medical marihuana for treatment of glaucoma; prohibit.

SB 861 Sen. Jones Corrections; alternatives; sunset for boot camp program; eliminate.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the minutes from March 13, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 861 (Sen. Jones). Senator Jones explained the bill to committee members and answered questions. Senator Jones called forth Russ Marlan from the Department of Corrections to give further explanation and answer questions.

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 861 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, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Rocca (1)

Senator Schuitmaker moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 861. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 977 (Sen. Jones). Senator Jones explained the bill to committee members and answered questions. Senator Jones also explained his amendment to Senate Bill 977.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 977 and answered questions from committee members:

- Daniel Solano, Citizen—Oppose
- Barbara Knox, Citizen—Oppose
- Dr. Steven Newman, representing the Michigan State Medical Society—Support
- Dr. Timothy Page, representing the Michigan Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons—Support (also submitted written documents on file with the clerk)
- Sayoko Moroi, MD & PhD, representing the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center—Support

The following persons submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 977:

- Michigan Optometric Association—Support

The following persons submitted written testimony, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 977 (testimony on file with the clerk):

- Whitney Hickman, representing the Newaygo County Compassion Club—Oppose

Senator Jones recessed the committee at 3:08 p.m.

Senator Rocca entered the committee room at 3:09 p.m.

Senator Jones reconvened the committee at 3:09 p.m.

Senator Jones moved to adopt the Jones Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 977. 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 Jones moved that Senate Bill 977 as amended as a clean substitute 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: Senator Bieda (1)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Jones moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 977. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 3:11 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 27, 2012

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