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SENATOR RANDY RICHARDVILLE  
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The Senate Government Operations Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, in the Capitol Building, Rooms 402 and 403.

Senator Richardville called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

The clerk recorded attendance as follows:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Hildenbrand, Meekhof, and Hunter

Absent: None

Excused: Whitmer

Senator Richardville requested a motion to excuse Senator Whitmer from the day's meeting. Senator Hunter moved to excuse Senator Whitmer. Without objection, Senator Whitmer was excused.

Senator Richardville moved to adopt the minutes from the October 1, 2013 committee meeting.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville announced that the first order of business would be House Bill 4704, sponsored by Representative Peter Pettalia.

Senator Richardville reminded committee members of the testimony presented on the bill in the previous hearing. Senator Richardville read into the record that Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan Judges Association, opposed the bill. Senator Richardville then asked if there was anyone present in today's hearing who wished to speak on HB 4704. Being no further discussion, Senator Richardville moved forward with a vote on HB 4704.

Senator Richardville announced that Senator Meekhof had an amendment to offer. Senator Meekhof gave a brief explanation of the amendment. Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt Senator Meekhof's amendment #1. Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the amendment.

Yeas: Meekhof

Nays: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Hunter

Pass: None

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The motion did not prevail.

Senator Richardville announced that Senator Hunter had a substitute before the committee that was discussed at the previous hearing. Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt the S-3 for HB 4704. Senator Hunter moved to adopt the substitute.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, and Hunter

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to report HB 4704 (S-3) with recommendation that the bill pass. Senator Hildenbrand moved to report HB 4704 (S-3) with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, and Hunter

Nays: Meekhof

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4704 (S-3).

Senator Hildenbrand moved to recommend immediate effect.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville announced that the committee would move forward to Senate Joint Resolution V, sponsored by Senator Mike Green. Senator Richardville welcomed Senator Green to the committee. Senator Green summarized his resolution for the committee. Senator Green introduced Mr. William Fruth, from the Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force, who testified in support of SJR V. After testifying, Mr. Fruth answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Richardville next called on Charlie S. Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses, who testified in support of SJR V.

Senator Richardville next announced that Mr. Barry K. Damon, of Mason, MI, representing the VFW, American Legion, DAV, and American Veterans submitted a card in support of SJR V, but did not wish to speak.

Senator Richardville called forward Mr. Tim Bos, who testified in support of SJR V.

Senator Richardville announced that Ms. Tina Dupont, of Rockford, MI, submitted a card opposing SJR V, but did not wish to speak.

Senator Richardville next called forward Mr. Tom Llewellyn, representing the Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force of Michigan. Mr. Llewellyn spoke in support of SJR V.

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Senator Richardville asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak on SJR V who had not turned in a card. There being no others present who wished to speak, and being no further business before the Committee, Senator Richardville adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:00 p.m.

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

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**Date approved by Committee**