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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

Senator Jones called the meeting to order and announced the order of business for the meeting:

Adopt Minutes

SB 31	Sen. Schuitmaker	Insurance; life; insurable interests; amend insurance code to provide for insurable interest of trustees.
SB 32	Sen. Schuitmaker	Probate; trusts; insurable interest amendments to the Michigan trust code; provide for.
SB 221	Sen. Jones	Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; registration fee for nonincarcerated offenders; establish on an annual basis.
SB 236	Sen. Schuitmaker	Civil procedure; costs and fees; fee for publication of legal notice; eliminate sunset for annual increases for inflation.
HB 4054	Rep. Heise	Family law; other; definition of eligible domestic relations order; modify.

Senator Jones moved to adopt the minutes from March 5, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee House Bill 4054 (Rep. Heise). Representative Heise explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on House Bill 4054 and answered questions from committee members:

- Robert Treat, citizen—Support

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on House Bill 4054:

- Chris Harkins, Department of Management & Budget for the Office of Retirement Services—Support

Senator Bieda moved that House Bill 4054 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 Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that House Bill 4054 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bills 31 & 32 (Sen. Schuitmaker). Senator Schuitmaker explained the bills to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on Senate Bills 31& 32:

- Patricia Herndon, Michigan Bankers Association—Support

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 31 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 Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 31 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 32 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 Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 32 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 221 (Sen. Jones). Senator Jones explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Bieda offered and explained his amendment (Amendment #1) to Senate Bill 221.

Senator Jones moved to adopt Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 221. 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: Senator Rocca (1)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 221 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, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 221 as amended as a clean substitute be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 236 (Sen. Schuitmaker). Senator Schuitmaker explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 236 and answered questions from committee members:

- Lisa McGraw, Michigan Press Association—Support

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on Senate Bill 236:

- Emily Strucel, Michigan Association of Counties—Oppose
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Oppose

Senator Schuitmaker moved that Senate Bill 236 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: Senator Rocca (1)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 236 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 2:43 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 19, 2013

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