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Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 9:02 am on the 3rd floor of the Capitol Building.

Committee Members present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, Hopgood, and Johnson

Absent:

Excused:

A motion to excuse all absent members was made by Senator Jansen and supported by Senator Booher.

Senator Kahn gave his opening remarks regarding order of business:

- Organizational—adopt previous meeting minutes
- SB 1088 (Sen. Booher) Higher education; community colleges; investment of funds in certain state and local obligations; allow.
- HB 5141 (Rep. MacGregor) Property; conveyances; transfer of certain state-owned property to Kent county; provide for.
- SB 1108 (Sen. Gregory) Veterans; benefits; service bonus for certain Vietnam veterans; expand eligibility.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes from October 1, 2014. Moved by Senator Pappageorge and supported by Senator Jansen.

SB 1088 (Sen. Booher) Higher education; community colleges; investment of funds in certain state and local obligations; allow.

Motion made to adopt the Booher amendment to SB 1088. Moved by Senator Booher, supported by Senator Jansen.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, and Hopgood.

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senators Moolenaar, Proos and Johnson.

Motion to adopt SB 1088 as amended. Moved by Senator Booher, supported by Senator Pappageorge.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, and Hopgood.

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senators Moolenaar, Proos and Johnson.

Motion made to report the SB 1088 as amended as a clean sub. Moved by Senator Booher, supported by Senator Anderson.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, and Hopgood.

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senators Moolenaar, Proos and Johnson.

The SB 1088 was reported with recommendation as amended as a clean sub and immediate effect was given.

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Motion made to report the HB 5141. Moved by Senator Proos, supported by Senator Caswell.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Schuitmaker Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, and Hopgood.

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senators Proos and Johnson.

The HB 5141 was reported with recommendation and immediate effect was given.

SB 1108 (Sen. Gregory) Veterans; benefits; service bonus for certain Vietnam veterans; expand eligibility.

Senator Gregory provided an overview of the bill.

Chairman Kahn invited Jason Allen with the Michigan Veteran's Affairs Agency to testify on the agency's position on the bill.

Chairman Kahn invited Gary Dietrich, a veteran from Saginaw County, to share his personal story and how the bill would affect him and many other veterans in the state.

Bruce Baker with the Senate Fiscal Agency answered additional questions and provided a financial analysis of the program.

Without objection, Chairman Kahn adjourned at 9:53 am.

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Date Approved by the Committee