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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 14, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services was held on May 14, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

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### The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) SR 138: Reported with recommendation.
- 2) SB 205: Reported with substitute (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 3) SB 206: Reported with substitute (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 4) SB 589: Heard testimony.
- 5) HB 5025: Reported with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 6) HB 5239: Reported with recommendation and immediate effect.

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The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. She instructed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory, a quorum.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the committee minutes of May 8, 2014. Sen. Nofs so moved. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairwoman invited Sen. Schuitmaker and Mike Wenkel, from Potato Growers of MI, Inc., to summarize SR 138 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding SR 138:

- Derek Bajema, MDARD – Support

The following submitted a testimony card regarding SR 138, but did not wish to speak:

- Rebecca Park, MI Farm Bureau – Support

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SR 138 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman summarized SB 205 and SB 206 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding SB 205 and SB 206:

- Kelly Carter, Office of the Attorney General – Support
- Jim Casha, a citizen - Oppose

The following submitted a testimony card regarding SB 205 and SB 206, but did not wish to speak:

- Rebecca Mastee, MI Catholic Conference - Support

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-2) substitute to SB 205. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 205 (S-2) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 205 (S-2). Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-2) substitute to SB 206. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 206 (S-2) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Gregory so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 206 (S-2). Sen. Rocca so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman invited Sen. Caswell to summarize SB 589 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding SB 589:

- Jim Casha, a citizen - Oppose

The following submitted a testimony card regarding SB 589, but did not wish to speak:

- Angela Madden, DHS – Support

The Chairwoman invited Marc Jordan from Rep. Heise's office to summarize HB 5025 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding HB 5025:

- Jim Casha, a citizen - Oppose

The following submitted a testimony card regarding HB 5025, but did not wish to speak:

- Kelly Carter, Office of the Attorney General – Support
- Rebecca Mastee, MI Catholic Conference - Support

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5025 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5025. Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman invited Bruce Noll from Rep. Kurtz's office to summarize HB 5239 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding HB 5239:

- Jim Casha, a citizen - Oppose

The following submitted a testimony card regarding HB 5239, but did not wish to speak:

- Kelly Carter, Office of the Attorney General – Support
- Rebecca Mastee, MI Catholic Conference – Support
- Angela Allen, DHS - Support

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5239 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5239. Sen. Nofs so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:32 p.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: 5/21/14**

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