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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 4, 2014

A joint committee meeting of the Senate Insurance Committee and the House Insurance Committee was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 100.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Reported HB 4467 with recommendation and immediate effect.
2. Reported SB 820 with recommendation and immediate effect.
3. Reported HB 5146 with recommendation and immediate effect.
4. Reported HB 5147 with recommendation and immediate effect.
5. Reported HB 5148 with recommendation and immediate effect.
6. Reported HB 5149 with recommendation and immediate effect.
7. Reported HB 5150 with recommendation and immediate effect.
8. Heard testimony on SB 715.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senator(s) Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda.

Absent: NONE

A quorum was established.

The Chairman invited Rob Winkleman from Rep. Foster's office and Stephen McDaniel from the Service Contract Industry Council to summarize SB 642 for the committee.

The following submitted testimony cards regarding HB 4467, but did not wish to speak:

Kurt Berryman, Auto Dealers of Michigan – Support

Teri Morante, Dept. of Insurance and Financial Services – Neutral

Renee Pace, Asurion – Support

The Chairman summarized SB 820 for committee members.

The Chairman invited Deidra Wilson from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to provide testimony regarding SB 820. She is in support of the bill.

The following submitted testimony cards regarding SB 820, but did not wish to speak:

Beth Nagel, MDCH – No position
Charlie Pryde, Ford – Support
Rick Bossard, University of Michigan Health System – Support
Kristen Beltzer, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce – Support
Sean Gehle, Ascension Health Michigan – Support
Brad Williams, Detroit Regional Chamber – Support
Tina Weatherway-Grant, Trinity Health – Support
Wendy Block, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – Support
David Newman, Economic Alliance for Michigan – Support

The Chairman invited Jim Miller from the Life Insurance Association of Michigan to provide testimony regarding HB 5146, HB 5147, HB 5148, HB 5149 and HB 5150. He is in support of the bills.

Sen. Bieda left the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Sen. Bieda returned to the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

The following submitted testimony cards regarding HB 5146, HB 5147, HB 5148, HB 5149 and HB 5150, but did not wish to speak:

David Zyble, Jackson – Supports HB 5147, 5148, 5150
Matt Solak, Michigan Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors – Support
Jenita Moore, Dept. of Insurance and Financial Services – Support

The Chairman invited Sen. Casperson to summarize SB 715 for the committee.

The Chairman invited Scott Hummel and Richard Pease from the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents to provide testimony regarding SB 715. They are in support of the bill.

The following submitted testimony cards regarding SB 715, but did not wish to speak:

Teri Morante, Dept. of Insurance and Financial Services – Support
Peter Kuhnmuendi, Insurance Institute of Michigan – Support

Sen. Smith entered the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 4467 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Marleau so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda
Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4467. Sen. Brandenburg so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 820 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Smith so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 820. Sen. Smith so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5146 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Bieda so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5146. Sen. Hansen so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5147 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Robertson so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5147. Sen. Robertson so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5148 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Smith so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5148. Sen. Marleau so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5149 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Brandenburg so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5149. Sen. Brandenburg so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5150 with the recommendation that the bill pass. Sen. Hansen so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Marleau, Brandenburg, Hansen, Robertson, Smith and Bieda

Nays: None.

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5150. Sen. Bieda so moved. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the committee meeting minutes from the November 5, 2013 meeting. Sen. Marleau so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Seeing no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 3/20/2014

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