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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES October 28, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Insurance was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

HB 4836 (Lyons) Reported with recommendation and immediate effect
SB 177 (S-1) (Hune) Reported with recommendation and immediate effect
SB 178 (S-1) (Hune) Reported with recommendation and immediate effect

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Sen. (s) Hune, Schmidt, O'Brien, Horn, Jones, Bieda, Johnson and Young
Excused: Sen. Brandenburg

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Bieda to adopt the minutes from the September 9, 2015 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

The Chairman invited Rep. Lyons staff to give an overview of House Bill 4836.

The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position on House Bill 4836:

- Sara Hogan, Life Secure Insurance Co. – support
- Jim McGuire, Area Agency on Aging 1-B – support
- Natalie Novello, Area Agency on Aging 1-B – support

Senator Johnson arrived at 2:11 p.m.

The Chairman read in testimony cards from the following individuals for House Bill 4836:

- Frank Venuto, American Council of Life Insurers - support
- Matt Solak, NAIFA – Michigan - support
- Gabe Basso, DIFS – neutral

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Schmidt to report House Bill 4836 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Hune, Schmidt, O'Brien, Horn, Jones, Bieda, Johnson and Young

Nays: None

Sen. O'Brien moved for Immediate Effect. Without objection, the motion passed.

The Chairman requested his staff give an overview of Senate Bill 177 and 178.

The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position on Senate Bills 177 and 178:

- Gabe Basso, DIFS – supports both bills

The Chairman read in testimony cards from the following individuals for Senate Bills 177 and 178:

- Rob Anderson, Farm Bureau – supports both bills
- Peter Kuhumuench, Insurance Institute of MI – supports both bills
- Kristen Kraft, BCBSM – supports both bills
- Jim Miller, Life Insurance Assoc. of MI – supports both bills
- George Carr, Property Casualty Insurers – supports both bills
- Sandi Cotter, John Hancock Life Ins. Co. – supports both bills
- Frank Venuto, American Council of Life Insurers – supports both bills
- Tiffany Hauser, AAA – supports both bills
- David Zybler, Jackson National Life – supports both bills
- Christine Shearer, MI Assoc. of Health Plans – supports both bills

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Horn to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 177.

Yeas: Hune, Schmidt, O'Brien, Horn, Jones, Bieda, Johnson and Young

Nays: None

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Bieda to report Senate Bill 177 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Hune, Schmidt, O'Brien, Horn, Jones, Bieda, Johnson and Young

Nays: None

Sen. Johnson moved for Immediate Effect. Without objection, the motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Jones to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 178.

Yeas: Hune, Schmidt, O'Brien, Horn, Jones, Bieda, Johnson and Young

Nays: None

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Young to report Senate Bill 178 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Hune, Schmidt, O'Brien, Horn, Jones, Bieda, Johnson and Young

Nays: None

Sen. Horn moved for Immediate Effect. Without objection, the motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Jones to excuse the absent members. Without objection, the motion carried.

Being no further business before the Committee, The Chairman adjourned the Insurance meeting without objection at 2:27 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: December 2, 2015

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