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A joint meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee and the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee was scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., in room 519 of the House Office Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) SB 298 – (S-1) reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect
- 2) SB 299 – (S-1) reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Present: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek
Excused: none

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair announced the next order of business was Senate Bills 298-99. Chair Barrett, Senator Knezek and Chair O'Brien gave members an overview of the bills.

Sen. Knezek made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 298.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Zorn made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 299.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The following individuals testified before the committee to indicate their position on SBs 298-99:

- Eric Calley, a veteran, and Sun, his service dog—Support
- Jennifer Petre, Stiggy's Dogs—Support

- Tom Jones, a veteran, and his service dog, Baxter, also with Stiggy's Dogs—Support
- Patrick Kittel, a veteran, and his service dog, Iggy, also with Stiggy's Dogs—Support
- Jerome Smith, a veteran, and his service dog, Jojo—Support
- Mike Latvis, University of Michigan-Dearborn—Support
- Christine Myran, Eisenhower Center—Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position on SBs 298-99 but did not wish to speak:

- Steve Kozera, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs Agency—Support
- Mark Sutton, The American Legion-Department of Michigan—Support
- Justin Winslow, Michigan Restaurant Association—Support
- Amy Drumm, Michigan Retailers Association—Support
- Lee Gonzales, Michigan Department of Civil Rights—Neutral (HB 4521)
- Lee Gonzales, Michigan Department of Civil Rights—Support (HB 4527, SB 298-99)
- Brad Williams, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce—Support
- Chris Iannuzzi, Michigan Humane Society—Support

Being no further testimony, Sen. Knezek made a motion to report Senate Bill 298 with recommendation that it be passed.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to Senate Bill 298; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Sen. Emmons made a motion to report Senate Bill 299 with recommendation that it be passed.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Zorn made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to Senate Bill 299; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: September 17, 2015

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