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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Members excused: None

Senator Jones called the meeting to order and announced the order of business for the meeting:

Senator Schuitmaker made a motion to adopt the February 3, 2015 minutes, without objection they were adopted.

Senator Colbeck arrived at 3:05 p.m.

SB 49 Sen. Smith Criminal procedure; sentencing; crimes against elder adults; increase penalties for certain crimes against a person over 65 years of age.

SB 50 Sen. Smith Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for elder adult abuse; provide for.

The Chairman invited Sen. Smith to speak in support of Senate Bill 49 and Senate Bill 50.

The following individuals testified in support of Senate Bill 49 and Senate Bill 50:
Ryan Cowmeadow representing the Area Agency on Aging 1-B and Rebecca Master representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Senator Jones entertained a motion to adopt the Jones amendment to Senate Bill 49. Senator Bieda so moved, the motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda (5/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones entertained a motion to report Senate bill 49 out of committee as amended as a clean substitute with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Bieda so moved, the motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, (4/5)

Nays: Senator Colbeck (1/5)

Pass: (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Senator Jones entertained a motion to adopt the Jones amendment to Senate Bill 50. Senator Bieda so moved, the motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda (5/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones entertained a motion to report Senate bill 50 out of committee as amended as a clean substitute with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Bieda so moved, the motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, (4/5)

Nays: Senator Colbeck (1/5)

Pass: (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed

SB 72 Sen. Jones Health; medical marihuana; authorization of medical marihuana in certain places; restrict.

The Chairman spoke in support of the SB 72

The following individuals testified in support of Senate Bill 72:

Mia McNeil and David Soule representing the Property Management Association of Michigan and Steve Gann representing KMG Prestege Property Management.

The following individuals testified in opposition to Senate Bill 72:

Thomas Lavigne representing Cannabis Counsel P.L.C.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to note their position on Senate Bill 72, but did not wish to speak:

Tabitha Zimny representing the Apartment Association of Michigan in support

Steven Sharpe representing Michigan NORML is Neutral

Senator Jones moved to adopt the Jones amendment to Senate Bill 72. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Colbeck, Bieda (4/5)

Nays: Senator Rocca (1/5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved to adopt the Jones amendment to Senate Bill 72. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda (5/5)

Nays: (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 72 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda (5/5)

Nays: (0)

Pass: (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed

SB 53 Sen. Jones Weapons; other; exemption for retired federal law enforcement officers to carry weapon in weapon-free zones; provide for.

Senator Jones moved to adopt the Jones amendment to Senate Bill 53. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda (5/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 53 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda (5/5)

Nays: (0)

Pass: (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the motion prevailed

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: 2/17/2015

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