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**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 26, 2015**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

1. SB 321 (Green) Courts; judges; number of judges in Bay County; modify.
2. SB 351 (Jones) Liquor; drinking age; penalties for minor in possession (MIP); modify. Family law; marriage and divorce; contacting a party to a divorce action; prohibit for a certain time period.
3. SB 336 (Schuitmaker) Traffic control; driver license; suspension of driver license after third minor in possession offense; provide for Law enforcement; other; public safety communications; create Michigan blue alert plan to broadcast information regarding attacks on peace officers..
4. SJR J (Bieda) Courts; judges; election of or appointment to a judicial office of person who has reached 70 years of age; remove prohibition.
5. SB 255 (Warren) Civil rights; housing discrimination; housing discrimination for domestic violence victims; prohibit.

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda, a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from May 19, 2015. Senator Schuitmaker so moved, and without objection the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Senator Green to give an overview of Senate Bill 321.

The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position on Senate Bill 321: Joseph Baumann, Supreme Court Administrative Office – neutral

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 321 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 321. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman gave an overview of Senate Bill 351.

The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position on Senate Bill 351:

Rebecca Schiemke, Family Law Section – support

Merrill Gordon, self – oppose

The Chairman read in testimony cards from the following individuals for Senate Bill 351:  
Kathy Hagenian, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence – support

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 351 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda

Nays: Sen. Colbeck

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 351. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Senator Schuitmaker to give the committee and overview of Senate Bill 336.

The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position on Senate Bill 336:

John Sadowski, Michigan Fraternal Order of Police – support

The Chairman read in testimony cards from the following individuals for Senate Bill 336:

Tim Ward, Police Officers Association of Michigan – support

Terry Leslee, Fraternal Order of Police – support

Amy Dehner, Michigan State Police – support

Ben Bodkin, Michigan Sheriffs Association – support

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Bill 336 to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 336. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Senator Bieda to give an overview of Senate Joint Resolution J.

The following individuals testified before members to indicate their position on Senate Resolution J:

Frank Szymanski, self – support

The Chairman read in testimony cards from the following individuals for Senate Joint Resolution J:

Cami Pendell, Michigan Judges Association – support

The Chairman made a motion to report Senate Resolution J to the floor with recommendation that it then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca Colbeck, Bieda

Nays: Sen.(s)

Pass: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Resolution J. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Senator Warren to give an overview of Senate Bill 255.

The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position on Senate Bill 255:

Rebecca Schiemke, Family Law Section – support

Brian Westrin, Michigan Realtors – no position

The Chairman read in testimony cards from the following individuals for Senate Bill 255:

Shelli Weisberg, ACLU of Michigan – support

Mia McNeil, Property Management Association of Michigan – oppose

Kathy Hagenian, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence – support

Tabitha Zimny, Rental Property Owners Association – oppose

Being no further business before the Committee, The Chairman adjourned the Senate Committee on Judiciary without objection at 4:33 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 6/9/2015