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MINUTES
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The Senate Education Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 12:00 p.m., in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower, 124 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Testimony Only on HB 4493 (Rep. Kesto).
2. Testimony Only on SB 826 (Sen. Colbeck).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck, Knezek

Absent/Excused: None

The Chair entertained a motion from Senator Booher to adopt the minutes from the April 19, 2016, 8:30 a.m. meeting; being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chair invited Representative Kesto to give an overview of HB 4493.

The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position on HB 4493:

- Dr. Judith Kovach, Genocide and Holocaust Education Now! – support
- Greg Dildilian, Oakland City Republican Party – support
- Corey L. Harbaugh, Holocaust Educator Network of MI – support
- Michael Banerian, self – support
- Victoria Khederian, self – support
- Edward Haroutunian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Faren Bartholomew, self – support
- Stacey Olsen, self – support
- Professor Michael Gunter, self – support
- Gokhan Ozalp, Turkish Community (Michigan) – oppose
- Umut Acar, Turkish Consulate General of Chicago – oppose

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on HB 4493:

- Ned Apigian, Armenian Community – support
- Christopher Sagherian, Armenian Community – support
- Chantelle Dial, Talsky Center at MSU Law – support
- Frank Dame, Talsky Center at MSU Law – support
- Edward Bedikiah, Armenian Education Committee – support
- Jazmine Early, self – support
- Professor Marjorie K. Nanian, Schoolcraft College – support
- Sandra Mooradian, Armenian Community of Michigan – support
- Bill Patrick, self – support
- Vartoug Kararlolian, self – support
- Yervant Bedikiar, Armenian Community Center – support
- Seboah Sarkissian, Armenian Community Center – support
- Ada Dakessian, Armenian Community Center – support
- Hagop Dakessian, Armenian Community Center – support
- Raymond Boujoulian, Armenian Genocide Committee – support
- Rev. Father Harant Kevaskian, Armenian Community Church – support
- Laura Skubal, St. John’s Armenian Church – support
- Armeney Mazian, Armenian Community – support
- Hovig Kouyeamdjian, Armenian Community – support
- Margerite Mouradian, Armenian Church of Dearborn – support
- George Mouradian, Armenian Engineers and Scientists of America – support
- Nancy Berschbach, self – support
- Sevan Markosian, Armenian Community – support
- Rita Engeian, Armenian Community – support
- Alice Mouradian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Siroon Karapeteff, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Rev. Shant Barsoumian, Armenian Congregational Church – support
- Armen Terjimanian, self – support
- Raffi Vandavelde, self – support
- Harry Kezelian, self – support
- Nvart Torian, St. John Armenian Church – support
- Hermine Manoogan, self – support
- William Terian, Armenian Congregational Church – support
- Araxie Terian, self – support
- Margaret Altouilla, self - support
- Valerie Bagdusarian, self – support
- Talar Bagdasarian, self – support
- Sarkis Telbelian, Armenian Genocide Committee – support
- Sirvart Telbelian, Armenian Relief Society – support
- Tamar Kadian, Armenian Genocide Committee – support
- Raffi Ourlion, self – support
- Silva Sagherian, Armenian Genocide Educating Committee – support
- Rita Dilanian, Armenian Community – support
- Dzovinar Hamakorzian, Armenian Community – support

- Hasmik Arslanian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Tamissa Dakissian, Arminian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Alique Bagclasarian, self – support
- Hovagian Manoogian, self – support
- Manouk Derovakimian, Armenian Community – support
- Georgi Bargadian, Armenian Community – support
- Houseb Jalhaian, self – support
- Carol Patrick, self – support
- Alice Kakousian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Patricia Kuredjian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Krista Haroutunian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Susan Hartounian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Paul Kulhaanian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Anita A. Arslanian, Armenian Community – support
- Dr. Joyce Yeghissian, Detroit Armenian Community and Physicians – support
- Sarkis Ghjarian, Sterling Heights Chamber of Commerce – support
- Shoghig Tertimianian, St. John Armenian Church – support
- Zarmouhi Nisharian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Anais Tarkeddian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Aram Kakousian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Anyel Ohanesian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- David Terzibashian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Mary Boyadjian, Arminian Committee of Michigan – support
- Shakeh Basneajian, Armenian Community – support
- Jacqueline Abouenaya, Armenian Community – support
- Vergine Parseghian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Ousanna DeeVaetanian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Sona Manoukian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Barbara Haroutunian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Bruce Bennett, self – support
- Richard Heldser, Third Coast Vision – support
- Rose Pombookian, Armenian Community – support
- Aram Pombookian, Armenian Community – support
- Karyan Chopjian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Laucine Geufguzian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Shoghere Quelian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Sona Vandevelde, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Pam Conltis, self – support
- Housep Koundakjian, self – support
- Anahid Tchaghatzban, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Marian Sheridan, self – support
- Corinne Khederian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee – support
- Lauren Burris, Armenian Community – support

The Chair called for the committee to go at ease at 1:24 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 1:27 p.m.

The Chair invited Senator Colbeck to give an overview of SB 826.

The Chair read into the record the following individuals testimony cards to indicate their position on SB 826:

- Gianina London, self – support
- Tom McMillin, self – support
- Shane Trejo, Michigan Tenth Amendment Center – support
- Carol Zielinski, self – support
- Jazmine Early, Sterling Heights – support
- Tiffany Sybesma, self – support
- Jane Wilson, Constitutional Conservative Americans – support
- Mary Wood, self – support
- Tami Carlone, Stop Common Core in Michigan – support
- Amy Staurt, self – support
- Betsy Prested, self – support
- Amanda McMahon, self – support
- Karen Brawn, self – support
- Stephanie Huffaker, self – support
- Carol Seaver, Self Supporting Repeat & Replace CC – no support given
- Stephen Best, Michigan Department of Education – oppose
- Bob Kefgen, MI Association of Secondary School Principals – oppose
- Lindsay Palsrok, Detroit Regional Chamber – oppose
- Dr. Kyle Mayer, Ottawa Area ISD – oppose

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SB 826:

- Gerald Peregord, Equity Caucus – oppose
- Louis Glacohbi, self – no support given
- Jerry Johnson, Calhoun ISD – oppose
- Tracie Greene, Midland – support
- Shannon Wagner, self – support
- Terry Wagner, self – support
- Nancy Lindma, Michigan Association United Way – oppose
- Scott Hewitt, self – support
- Michelle Harrison, self – support
- Frank Dame, Citizens for Traditional Values – support
- Joseph Raguso, self – support
- Tabitha Kaboni, self – support
- Kelley Vilenski, self – support
- Arlene Pearson, self – support
- Sharon Lollin, Battle With Us Tea Party – support
- Joellen Pisarczyk, self – support
- Phoebe England, self – support
- Joey England, self – support
- Brenda Hewitt, self – support
- Michelle Fredrick, self – support
- Tawn Beltger, Battle With Us – support

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- Melanie Kurdys, Stop Common Core in Michigan – support
- Lauren Burris, self – support
- Marian Sheridan, self – support
- Susan Andrews, self – support
- Richard Wilson, Self – support
- Paulette Olah, self – support
- Sean Donovan, self – support
- Beth Fink, self – support
- Dan Varner, Excellent Schools Detroit – oppose
- Tim Sowton, Business Leaders for Michigan – oppose
- Mary Pollock, American Association of University Women – oppose
- Chris Glass, West Michigan Talent Triangle – oppose
- Allie Bush, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce – oppose
- Kathleen Merry, Wayne RESA – oppose
- Julie Rowe, AFT – Michigan – oppose
- Dr. David Michelson, Michigan Education Association – oppose
- Daniel Hurley, Michigan Association of State Universities – oppose
- Jason Mancini, Education Trust Midwest – oppose
- Kathryn Dewsbury-White, Michigan Assessment Consortium – oppose
- Brad Biladeau, MASA – oppose
- Jennifer Smith, Michigan Association of School Boards – oppose
- Don Olendorf, Small and Rural Schools – oppose
- Emily Laidlaw, MAISA – oppose
- Paul Liabenow, MEMSPA – oppose
- David Zuhlke, Middle Cities Education Association – oppose
- Lisa Hansknecht, Oakland Schools – oppose

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 2:16 p.m.

Date Approved: 4/26/2016, 8:00 a.m.