



**MEMBERS:**

SEN. JIM STAMAS, VICE CHAIR  
SEN. DAVID ROBERTSON  
SEN. JOHN PROOS  
SEN. REBEKAH WARREN, MINORITY VICE CHAIR

**THE SENATE**  
**MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS COMMITTEE**  
**SENATOR MIKE SHIRKEY**  
**CHAIR**

320 FARNUM  
P.O. BOX 30036  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-7536  
PHONE: (517) 373-5932  
FAX: (517) 373-5944

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 19, 2016**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

---

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Reported SB 1104 (Sen. Shirkey) with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present: Chairman Shirkey, Sen.(s) Stamas, Robertson, Proos and Warren; a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Proos to adopt the meeting minutes from June 8, 2016. Without objection, the amended meeting minutes were adopted.

The Chairman summarized SB 1104.

The Chairman invited the following individuals to present testimony regarding SB 1104:

Chad Engelhardt, Michigan Association for Justice – oppose  
Steve Hicks, Michigan Association for Justice – oppose  
Robert Kamenec, Insurance Institute of Michigan – support  
Dan Schulte, Kerr, Russell, Weber Law Firm - support

The Chairman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SB 1104.

Mike Reynolds, ProAssurance – support  
Dillon McGough, Michigan Health and Hospital Association – support  
Nathan Medinz, The Doctors Company – support  
Wendy Block, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – support  
Jeff McAlvey, Michigan Insurance Coalition – support  
Kevin McKinney, Michigan Osteopathic Association – support  
Colin Ford, Michigan State Medical Society – support  
James Bradley, State Bar Negligence Law Section – neutral

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Robertson to report SB 1104 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Chairman Shirkey, Sen.(s) Robertson, Stamas, Proos, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 1104. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chairman moved to adjourn the committee. Without objection, the committee was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: November 30, 2016