

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Thursday, November 13, 2014 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Lund, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lund, Leonard, Denby, Cotter, Glardon, Goike, LaFontaine, Lyons, Nesbitt, O'Brien, Segal, Lipton, Abed, Cochran, Hovey-Wright.

Representative LaFontaine made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on November 6, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5876 (Walsh) Insurance; prudent purchaser agreements; pharmacy provider panels; require organizations that establish pharmacy provider panels to allow any pharmacy willing to participate on those terms to provide pharmacy services to insureds or covered members.

HB 5877 (Walsh) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for pharmacy provider panel violations; enact.

Representative Walsh reviewed the provisions of HB 5876 and HB 5877 before the Committee.

Rich Grossman, representing Sav-Mor Drug Stores and Andrew Mac, representing Sav-On Drugs, spoke in support of the bills.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5876 and HB 5877:

Christine Shearer, Carrie Germain and Steve Marsiniak, representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans, in opposition

Amanda Lick and Larry Wagenknecht, representing the Michigan Pharmacists Association, in support

Deidra Wilson and Tim Antonelli, representing Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, in opposition

Allyson Blandford, representing Express Scripts, in opposition

Cards for HB 5876 were submitted by:

Keith Haddix, representing Riverside Sav-Mor and Gibraltar Sav-Mor, in support

Peter Ruddell, representing UAW Medical Benefits Trust, in opposition

James R. Devine, representing the Chain Drug Marketing Association, in support

Yvonne Gallagher, representing the Sav-Mor Corporation, in support

Ann Newman, representing Frank W. Kerr Company, in support

Jay Duprey, representing the Frank W. Kerr Company, in support

Ted Toloff, representing the Tawas Sav-Mor, in support
Albert C. Kerr, representing Sav-Mor Drug Stores
William Semaan, representing Kashat Pharmacy, in support
T J. McClure, representing Sav-Mor, in support
Rob Seffinger, representing the Sav-Mor Corporation, in support
Gary Gula, representing Novixus Pharmacy Services, in support
Ralph Young, representing F. W. Kerr, in support
Richard Messerly, representing Phoh's Sav-On Pharmacy, in support
Kathleen Hannah, representing the Clarkston Pharmacy, in support
Kelly Klein, representing the L.S. Pharmacy, in support
Michael Doman, representing Sav-On #7, in support
Carolyn Currie, representing Sav-On #10, in support
Anthony J. Plas, representing Pine Knob Pharmacies, in support
Dennis Vollmer, representing Wadhams Pharmacy, in support
Chris Smith, representing Spartan Nash, in support
Ashley Buitta, representing the Michigan Pharmacists Association, in support
Amy Parker, in support
Ralph Freeman, representing the Carlton Pharmacy, in support
Paul Miron, representing Spartan Nash, in support
Gene Newman, representing Novixus Pharmacy Services, in support

Cards for HB 5876 and HB 5877 were submitted by:

Hank Fuhs, in support
David Newman, representing Economic Alliance for Michigan, in opposition
Brian O'Connell, representing General Motors, in opposition
Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber, in opposition
Charlie Pryde, representing Ford Motor, in opposition
Andy Johnston, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, in
opposition
Delaney McKinley, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in opposition
Casey Sullivan, representing Nash Drugs, Inc., in support
Pang Hang, representing the WSU Student Pharmacy, in support
Abigail Larsen of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, in support
Michael Straub of Maybee, Michigan, in support
Joel Kurzman, representing the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, in support
Charles Owens, representing the NFIB, in support
Nicole Nystrom, representing CVS Health, in opposition
Dusty Fancher, representing Aetna, in opposition
Douglas Sampson of Chesterfield, Michigan, in support

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

SB 211 (Rocca) Worker's compensation; disabilities; occupational cancer; provide presumption for certain firefighters regarding.

Senator Rocca outlined the contents of SB 211 for the Committee.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding SB 211:

Mark Docherty, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters, in support
Christopher Slezak, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters, in support
Eric Weber, representing Michigan Professional Fire Fighters and the Lansing Fire Department, in support
Samantha Harkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League, neutral on the bill

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, expressed concerns.

Cards for SB 211 were submitted by:

Representative Henry Yanez, in support
Aileen Pettinger, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, in support
Rusty Merchant, representing the Michigan Insurance Coalition, in opposition
Mike O'Brien, representing the Brighton Fire Authority and the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, in support
Jon Ishesco, representing the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, in support
Don Bigger, representing the Michigan Fire Instructors Association, in support
Chris Reynolds, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters, in support
David Micallef, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, in support
Dennis Milobar, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, in support

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

SB 738 (Caswell) Insurance; no-fault; requirement to provide policy information to department of community health; revise sunset.

Don Voss, DCH Third Party Liability Section Manager, spoke in support of SB 738.

Cards for SB 738 were submitted by:

Pete Kuhnmuensch, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan, in support
Christine Shearer, representing the Michigan Association of Health Plans, in support
Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, in support

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Chair Lund stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 11:50 a.m.

At 3:45 p.m., Chair Lund announced from the House Floor that the Insurance Committee meeting was adjourned for the day.

Representative Pete Lund, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538