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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
On  
**Criminal Justice**

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Wednesday, March 26, 2014

10:30 a.m.

327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Criminal Justice was called to order by Representative Kurt Heise, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Heise, Graves, Kurtz, Callton, McBroom, Kesto, Oakes, Robinson, Kivela, and Banks. (10/11)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 19, 2014 as printed.

**Representative Callton moved to adopt the minutes of March 19, 2014 as printed. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5230.

**HB 5230 (Cavanagh)** Civil procedure; other; abatement of nuisances; allow abatement for property used for human trafficking and make other general amendments.

**Representative Oakes offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-3) for House Bill 5230. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Heise, Graves, Kurtz, Callton, Kesto, Oakes, Kivela, and Banks, (8/11)**

**Nays: Representative Robinson, (1/11)**

**Pass: Representative McBroom. (1/11)**

The substitute was adopted.

Representative Cavanagh, the bill sponsor, and Thomas Cameron, Bureau Chief for the Criminal Justice Bureau of the Michigan Department of Attorney General, explain the substitute (H-3) for the bill. Following the completion of all their explanation of the substitute, they addressed various questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bill package, but did not wish to speak:

Emily Corwin, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office;

Evie Sweeny, representing the Michigan Housing Council; and

Mia McNeil of the Kelly Cawthorne, representing the Property Management Association of Michigan.

**Representative Graves moved to report House Bill 5230 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-3) be adopted and 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: Representatives Heise, Graves, Kurtz, Callton, Kesto, Oakes, and Kivela, (7/11)**

**Nays: Representatives Robinson and Banks, (2/11)**

**Pass: Representative McBroom. (1/11)**

The bill and substitute were referred to the full House.

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 729.

**SB 729 (Hansen)** Criminal procedure; other; recovery of certain costs for prosecution of retail fraud; provide for.

Senator Hansen, the bill sponsor, introduced Detective/Lieutenant Bruce A. Morningstar from the Fruitport Township Police Department, a constituent, to explain the necessity for the bill. Following his testimony, Detective/Lieutenant Morningstar answered various questions from committee members.

Robert M. Stevenson, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, testified in support of the bill. Mr. Stevenson responded to questions from committee members.

Bruce A. Timmins testified in opposition to the bill. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bill package, but did not wish to speak:

Amy Drumm, Manager of Government Affairs at the Michigan Retailers Association;

Judy Allen, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Michigan Townships Association; and

David Worthams, Policy Director for the Michigan Bankers Association.

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 325.

**SB 325 (Jones)** Children; abduction; uniform child abduction prevention act; create.

Sandra McCormick, Senator Jones Legislative Assistant, introduced Kent Weichmann, representing the Family Law Section of the Michigan State Bar, and Casey Gillece, Legislative Counsel for the Uniform Law Commission of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, who testified in support of the bill. Mr. Weichmann, Ms. Gillece, and Ms. McCormick took questions from committee members.

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**Representative Graves moved to excuse Representative O'Brien from today's committee meeting.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Representative O'Brien was excused.**

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There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Graves moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**The motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present,** the time being 12:02 p.m. The Chair declared the Committee was adjourned.

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Kurt Heise, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Criminal Justice

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee