

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS**

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 12:00 p.m. Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Representatives Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens and Kosowski.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Hooker moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2014. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 890 before the committee:

SB 890 (Caswell) Human services; children's services; support subsidy; rename, and provide for deferred determination of care agreements for certain adoptions.

Representative Hooker moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to SB 890. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Bruce Noll, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Outman moved to report SB 890 as substitute (H-2) with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5825 before the committee:

HB 5825 (Shirkey) Children; adoption; option to disclose identity of paternity in a private adoption; allow.

Representative Denby moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5825. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Victory moved to report HB 5825 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5849, HB 5850, and HB 5851 before the committee:

HB 5849 (Hovey-Wright) Children; protection; children's assurance of quality foster care policy; create.

HB 5850 (Denby) Children; foster care; specific policy for foster children; create.

HB 5851 (Darany) Children; foster care; information regarding the foster children's assurance of quality foster care policy; require the department of human services to provide to foster children.

Representative Hovey-Wright, Representative Denby, and Representative Darany all testified in support of the bills.

Stacie Bladen, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Wain Saeger, representing himself, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom and Janet Chambers, representing themselves as grandparents of adoptive children, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Evelyn Calegero, representing herself as an attorney, testified in support of the bills.

Elizabeth Warner, representing herself as an attorney, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Kristin Totten, representing herself as an attorney, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Christine Piathwski, representing herself as an attorney, testified in support of the bills.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:59 p.m.

Representative Kenneth Kurtz, Chairman _____

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