

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY**

Thursday, June 6, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Cotter, Kesto, Heise, Johnson, LaFontaine, Leonard, Howrylak, Lipton, Irwin, Clemente.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Cavanagh.

Representative Heise moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2014 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Clemente moved to excuse Representative Cavanaugh. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HCR 13 before the committee:

HCR 13 (Kurtz) A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt and present to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution that would establish a fundamental parental right.

Representative Kurtz and Dr. William Wagner, representing himself, testified in support of the resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

John Tuinstra, representing Citizens for Parental Rights, testified in support of the resolution.

Paulette Brack, representing Citizens for Parental Rights, testified in support of the resolution.

The Chair laid SB 705 before the committee:

SB 705 (Jones) Courts; records; recording of hearing involving minor; require to be maintained pursuant to supreme court rules.

Sandra McCormick, representing Senator Jones's office, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Joe Baumann, representing the State Court Administrator's Office, testified in support of the bill. Question and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 5545 before the committee:

HB 5545 (Leonard) Criminal procedure; expunction; criminal record expunction for certain offenses; allow under certain circumstances.

Representative Leonard testified in support of his bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Kyle Goldberg, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill.

Greg Kelly, representing himself, testified on the bill.

Patrick Clawson, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Charles Peltrier, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American's Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

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

Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan Judges Association.

Representative Joe Havemen.

Noah Smith, representing Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

KC Steckelberg, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

Ken Brown, representing himself.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Representative Kevin Cotter, Chair _____

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