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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
On
Oversight

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

12:00 noon

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight was called to order by Representative Tom McMillin, Chair.

Members present: Representatives McMillin, Kelly, Leonard, Howrylak, Townsend, Robinson, and Phelps. (7/8)

Members absent/excused: Representative O'Brien. (1/8)

Chair McMillin introduced Auditor General Doug A. Ringler.

Auditor General Ringler provided a presentation on changes and goals for the Office of the Auditor General under his leadership.

Deputy Auditor General Laura J. Hirst also provided testimony to the committee regarding operational changes within the Office of the Auditor General.

Mr. Ringler and Ms. Hirst answered questions posed by committee members.

Representative Kelly moved to adopt the minutes of June 3, 2014 as printed.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

Chair McMillin laid HB 5580 before the committee:

HB 5580 (MacMaster) Civil rights; open meetings; open meetings act regarding county commissioners; expand to require minutes to include all topics of discussion, and eliminate anonymity in voting.

Representative MacMaster introduced Paul Sopsich, representing himself, who testified in support of the bill.

Representative MacMaster and Mr. Sopsich answered questions posed by committee members.

Samantha Harkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in opposition to the bill.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in opposition to the bill.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in opposition to the bill.

Representative Robinson moved to excuse Representative O'Brien from the day's meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present.

There being no other business before the committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:55 p.m.

Tom McMillin, Chair
House Standing Committee on Oversight

Doug Simon, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee